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United States Mission to the OSCE

U.S. Statement for the Forum for Security Co-operation: General Statement

As delivered by Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Dave Haugen
February 4, 2026

Thank you, Madam Chair,

Since the Ministerial Council meeting, the United States has emphasized the need for reform. The OSCE must reform to its core functions and focus its resources more effectively. The OSCE can play a vital role in promoting regional security. Both the OSCE as a whole, and this FSC, have the potential to amplify our efforts to modernize and implement arms control policy, secure small arms and light weapons, advance demining efforts, and support many other initiatives that contribute to peace and prosperity among all participating States.

Modernization, prioritization, and fiscal reforms are essential first steps. These changes should result in budget savings of at least EUR 15 million or 11 percent. The United States remains committed to working with all participating States to advance these reforms and strengthen the OSCE's ability to address the security and challenges of our time.

I Thank you, Madam Chair.