



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
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Thank you, Madam Chair,

The United States, under the leadership of President Trump, is doing everything it can to bring the Russia-Ukraine war to an end and restore peace to this region. In meetings in Geneva in mid-February and again last week, diplomatic and military officials from both sides met and we continue to see progress toward ending this terrible conflict. The death and destruction must stop. Diplomacy is the only path to durable peace.

We were also pleased that on February 26 the OSCE facilitated the first 1+1 meeting between Chisinau's and Tiraspol's chief negotiators since November 2024. At the Ministerial Council, the United States made clear that the OSCE should once again serve as a venue where those with divergent views can still meet and negotiate their differences. We want to see more of this.

The FSC brings together political-military experts for dialogue with a purpose. Dialogue is not the end, but the means to achieve real progress—to find ways to manage and reduce the risk of conflict and to create stability and prosperity across our region. This is our charge.

Our work here is important. Modernizing arms control for our collective security is important. Creating the tools to promote regional stability is important. This is why the United States is committed to ensuring the organization is fit to conduct this work. We need a fiscally responsible OSCE that is focused on top priorities, and we need it now. The United States remains committed to working with all participating States to achieve reform and strengthen the OSCE's ability to address the security challenges of today and tomorrow.

Thank you, Madam Chair.