



United States Mission to the OSCE

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

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Mister Chair, Dear Alexander,

The United States wishes to congratulate you and your team on a successful trimester leading the FSC. The topics you selected for Security Dialogues were timely and informative and ensured this forum tackled core issues of the OSCE. We were particularly proud to provide a speaker for the Security Dialogue on Strengthening Compliance with the Code of Conduct as a means to support your efforts. The Code's core principles – democratic control of armed forces, accountability, and transparency – form the foundation of responsible military conduct and comprehensive security.

As the Georgian chair ends and we look ahead to the fall, all participating States should continue to focus on making the FSC a productive venue for discussion of the core issues it was created to address. As we have said before, a reformed, refocused, and refined OSCE is better equipped to achieve its priorities of preventing conflict and promoting security cooperation.

Especially in times of crisis, the OSCE should serve as a venue where those with divergent views can meet, negotiate, manage differences, and achieve practical results. It is what this forum was designed to do. Whether the issue is small arms and light weapons, demining efforts, or confidence- and security-building

measures, the FSC is well positioned to facilitate the practical discussions needed to build confidence and enhance security.

Mr. Chair, you and your team have made strides towards recentering the FSC on discussing these issues. We thank you and look forward to the United Kingdom taking on this mantle to advance the necessary and important work you have helped us begin.

Thank you, Mister Chair.