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United States Mission to the OSCE
U.S. Statement for the Forum for Security Co-operation: General Statement

Thank you, Mister Chair.

Our condolences to Canada, our neighbor to the north, over the deaths and casualties of its service members in Alberta.

Mister Chair, Ending the war in Ukraine remains a top priority for President Trump. As Secretary Rubio has said many times, this war will end only through a negotiated settlement. This war is devastating both Ukraine and Russia, and the killing must stop. The United States stands ready to help with productive talks whenever the parties are ready to take them up.

Mister Chair,

Two weeks ago in this forum, we repeatedly heard threats of military retaliation and "vengeance strikes." We reject these threats. This is counterproductive in easing tension in this room, and it is counterproductive to achieving our collective mandates in this forum.

This Forum exists to reduce the risk of unintended conflict. It remains one of the few places where nations with serious disagreements can nevertheless keep talking.

That communication matters most in a crisis. Let's use this forum effectively. Let's focus on solutions, not just problems.

Mister Chair,

Today, participating States face increasing drone incidents near civilian airports, violations of national airspace near borders, and attacks on merchant vessels in the territorial waters or exclusive economic zones of other States on the Black Sea. These reckless acts raise the risk of escalation and miscalculation, and we should discuss them here, together.

In this regard, the United States is open to practical ideas that strengthen risk management and increase stability across the OSCE region. We need dialogue among all 57 participating States to develop conflict-mitigation tools that fit today's threats.

Because this war will end, as all wars do, the OSCE must be ready to support a resilient peace on day one, if asked. We should prepare now with practical options, not wait for events to overtake us.

Thank you, Mister Chair.