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United States Mission to the OSCE

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First, we reject any suggestion that the freedom of movement, including the right to leave any country, creates a right for foreign nationals to enter any country they wish. Sovereign states may regulate the entry and stay of foreign nationals, consistent with their international obligations.

Second, we agree that Kosovo should be represented here.

Third, we do not, nor will we ever, recognize Russia's purported annexation of Crimea. The United States continues to fully support Ukraine's sovereignty independence, and territorial integrity within its internationally-recognized borders.

Fourth, the United States fully supports the territorial integrity of Georgia and its sovereignty within its internationally recognized borders. Our position on Abkhazia and South Ossetia is clear and consistent. These regions are integral parts of Georgia.

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