

United States Mission to the OSCE

Right of Reply – Working Session 11 Tolerance and Non-Discrimination I (continued), including prevention and responses to hate crimes in the OSCE area; and combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance on religious grounds

> As delivered by Ambassador Michael Kozak, Head of Delegation OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting Warsaw, September 26, 2016

First, we agree with Poland that the term "Polish death camps" is factually wrong. We just disagree that the use of the term should be criminalized.

We thank the Russian Federation for raising hate crimes, and police killing in the United States. We do not agree with the characterization that these crimes were nationalist. But we noted these problems in our statement and work continuously to address them. This is why we consistently raise these issues ourselves in the OSCE and appreciate the constructive feedback by all states.