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**United States Mission to the OSCE**

**Notification of Planned Visit to  
Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility  
by ODIHR**

As delivered by Charge d'Affaires Gary Robbins  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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The United States would like to inform the Permanent Council that the United States Department of Defense plans to host a delegation from ODIHR for a visit to the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility in the near future.

We value and take seriously all of ODIHR's work, including when it is critical of the United States. We encourage other participating States to exhibit the same commitment. We also encourage participating States to increase ODIHR's budget, to allow travel to distant and costly locations in furtherance of ODIHR's mandate.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.