



United States Mission to the OSCE

The Russian Federation's Ongoing Aggression Against Ukraine

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Katherine Brucker
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Thank you, madam Chair.

I want to thank Finland, as Chair-in-Office, as well as Foreign Minister Valtonen personally, for convening this important meeting.

President Trump has been clear: the Russia-Ukraine war must end. The war has cost innumerable lives and destroyed cities and communities. The longer it continues, the greater the suffering for both nations.

The United States is committed to securing a lasting peace, not just a temporary cease fire. We will play a meaningful and constructive role in this process. Both President Zelensky and President Putin, in back-to-back calls, said only President Trump could bring peace. Many other European leaders have said the same.

We remain fully engaged in the rigorous diplomacy needed to reach that goal. The President followed his calls by sending his senior officials to meet with President Zelensky in Munich and senior Russian officials in Riyadh, in a historic meeting.

We will continue speaking with both sides in the days to come. We will also be consulting with our European allies.

The OSCE has experience and flexible tools that may be useful to assist in supporting implementation of a settlement. We urge Russia to release the three OSCE personnel it continues to detain, who were members of the OSCE's Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine.

All participating States should commit themselves to achieving a peaceful and lasting resolution to the war, and to taking concrete actions to achieve it.

There can be no more fitting commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act than to mark it with a durable end to this devastating conflict with a peace settlement that reflects Final Act principles.

Thank you, madam Chair.

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