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## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

## Response to the Agenda Item on Ukraine

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Katherine Brucker to the Permanent Council, Vienna July 3, 2025

President Trump remains focused on securing a sustainable and lasting peace in Ukraine. In a June 14th call with Russian President Vladimir Putin, President Trump emphasized the need for Russia to take active steps to end the bloody conflict, which he noted claimed 6,500 lives in a single week.

Russia's strikes against Ukraine's cities, which have damaged kindergartens, schools, hospitals, and clinics, need to stop immediately. Attacks like these are among the many reasons why President Trump is committed to peace. On May 25th, President Trump wrote that, "Putin is needlessly killing a lot of people, and not just soldiers. Missiles and drones are being shot into cities in Ukraine, for no reason whatsoever." It is time for the death and destruction to stop and for this war to end.

A negotiated peace is the only way to unlock improved relations between Russia and the United States. Likewise, Ukraine can be a great beneficiary from trade in the process of rebuilding its country, as evidenced by the historic U.S.-Ukraine partnership on the reconstruction and long-term economic success of Ukraine.

In this regard, the United States is engaged with both Russia and Ukraine at the highest levels, and President Trump is ready to support a diplomatic mechanism that leads to a fair and lasting peace.

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