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United States Mission to the OSCE

**Statement on the Signing of the Protocols
by Armenia and Turkey**

As delivered by Political Counselor Casey Christensen
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Madam Chair.

We commend the Armenian and Turkish governments for their courage in taking a historic step forward on October 10 in the process of normalizing of their relations.

Secretary of State Clinton was present in Zurich to witness the signing of the protocols, reinforcing our commitment to this important milestone for both Turkey and Armenia towards a more productive and fruitful relationship.

The United States remains ready to work closely with both governments in support of this process, which will contribute to peace, security, and stability throughout the region.

Thank you, Madam Chair.