



**United States Mission to the OSCE**  
**Statement on Turkish Freedom of  
Expression Case**

As delivered by Ambassador Julie Finley  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We welcome with enthusiasm and optimism the decision not to pursue the unwarranted charges against Orhan Pamuk. This is a positive development for freedom of expression in Turkey. We hope and expect that similar cases against a number of other writers and journalists will be dropped as well. The dropping of these cases will help to broaden and ensure respect for freedom of expression throughout Turkey.

Thank you.