

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

## Session 5: Ensuring Equal Enjoyment of Rights and Equal Participation in Political and Public Life (continued) Right of Reply

As delivered by Ambassador Michael Kozak, Head of Delegation at the 2017 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting Warsaw, September 13, 2017

The United States continues to fully support Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity within it internationally-recognized borders. We do not, nor will we ever, recognize Russia's purported annexation of Crimea. We join our European and other partners in affirming that our sanctions against Russia will remain in place until Russia fully implements its Minsk commitments, and that our separate, Crimea-related sanctions will remain in place until Russia returns full control of the peninsula to Ukraine.

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