



United States Mission to the OSCE

On “Threats Associated with the Irregular Migration of People”

As delivered by Chargé d’Affaires, a.i., Katherine Brucker
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I would like to thank the United Kingdom for joining the United States in keeping illegal immigration high on the Permanent Council’s agenda. We were fortunate today to hear from the Acting Head of the OSCE Office in Dushanbe, where OSCE’s Border Security Management College is training border security personnel. We need to work together to stop illegal immigration and prevent human trafficking and smuggling.

President Trump identified the illegal immigration as the greatest threat to U.S. national security. The United States is therefore vigorously protecting our borders, tightening enforcement of our laws, and removing illegal aliens. At the same time, we are targeting individuals and companies that prey on vulnerable populations by knowingly facilitating illegal immigration to our country, a problem that many OSCE participating States encounter.

The Department of State has taken steps to impose visa restrictions on owners, executives, and senior employees of travel agencies outside the United States who facilitate illegal immigration to the United States by providing travel documents, including fraudulent passports and visas; booking travel reservations; and facilitating transportation logistics. These actions seek to counter the disturbing trend in immigration-related crime.

We appreciate our partners in the OSCE region who are working with us to put an end to the exploitation and death that stem from illegal immigration, particularly by dismantling alien smuggling networks. These efforts should also secure borders for legitimate trade and commerce.

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