



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Belarusian Journalist Oleg Bebenin

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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The United States joins with the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media in expressing our condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of journalist Oleg Bebenin in Belarus.

We welcome the pledge of the Prosecutor General's Office in Belarus to study all possible causes of Bebenin's death. It is in the interest of all parties that a full and transparent investigation be conducted.

We call upon the authorities in Belarus to make good on their pledge to carry out such a process into the circumstances of this sad and untimely death.

Thank you, Mister Chairman.