



United States Mission to the OSCE
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The OSCE region and the world beyond it are faced with crises and conflicts. Many have festered for decades.

This must stop. We must work together to end and resolve them. Responsibility is not and cannot be the United States' alone. Partners and friends around the globe bear responsibility to take action. The strength, safety, security, and prosperity of this region and its people depend on our cooperation and resolve.

President Trump and the United States are doing our part by initiating a process that will end the war in Ukraine, not just pause it, and ensure there is no space for hostilities to resume. Partner nations also must be ready to contribute military resources and political capital to a durable security framework.

President Trump has led by taking the first step and reaching out directly to both sides. This forum must avoid getting distracted by rhetoric and conjecture. We must focus on the facts, and the fact is that for negotiations to begin, we must have conversations with both parties.

Both sides must negotiate in good faith, if this war is to end with a durable and permanent peace.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.