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Right of Reply

As delivered by Deputy Chief of Mission Carol Fuller, U.S. Mission to the OSCE, to the High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Astana, June 30, 2010

The United States takes strong exception to the presentation by keynote speaker Nawal El Saalawi, and particularly to her characterization of President George W. Bush as "a twin" of Osama Bin Laden.

We regret the tone and content of her intervention, which we found provocative and which did not contribute to the spirit and objectives of this conference. I regret that she did not stay for this session to hear the discussion and to hear this reply.