



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

### **Statement on Security Zone Incident**

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
January 19, 2012

The United States reiterates its deep regret over the shooting incident that occurred January 1 in the Transnistria security zone. We take this opportunity to offer our condolences for the tragic death of Mr. Vadim Pisari, and we call on both Russian and Moldovan authorities to conduct a thorough investigation of this event which has heightened tensions only weeks after the official 5+2 talks have resumed.

This incident highlights the need for discussions aimed at demilitarization of the security zone to avoid similar occurrences in the future. These discussions should be part of the 5+2 agenda for 2012. The United States welcomes the initiative of the Irish Chairman-in-Office to host the next 5+2 meeting February 28-29.

The United States' remains committed to finding a comprehensive settlement that respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Moldova and provides for an agreed status for the Transnistrian region.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.