



United States Mission to the OSCE

Turkmenistan's Release of Eight Jehovah's Witnesses

As delivered by Ambassador Daniel B. Baer
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The United States welcomes Turkmenistan's release of eight Jehovah's Witnesses in October, including those imprisoned as conscientious objectors to military service. We hope to see continued progress in Turkmenistan with regard to the exercise of the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and the fulfillment of Turkmenistan's OSCE human dimension commitments.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.