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United States Mission to the OSCE

On the Political Prosecution of Pavlo Hryb in Russia

As delivered by Acting Political Counselor Lane Darnell Bahl
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
March 28, 2019

The United States condemn the March 22 sentencing of Ukrainian student Pavlo Hryb in a Russian court to six years imprisonment on dubious charges of terrorism. Apparently, Mr. Hryb's "crime" was criticizing Russia's attempted annexation of Crimea on social media.

We are very concerned by reports of Mr. Hryb's deteriorating health. We call for his immediate release.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.