



United States Mission to the OSCE

Interpretive Statement on the Decision to Recommend that the Ministerial Council Adopt a Statement on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism

As delivered by Deputy Political Counselor Katherine Brucker
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

In connection with the decision we just adopted to recommend that the Ministerial Council adopt a statement on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, the United States wishes to make the following interpretive statement.

"The United States will make a good faith effort to seek the necessary legal authority to sign the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism on September 14, 2005, but we underscore that this decision does not create a commitment to sign unless we have the proper authority to do so by this date."

We ask that this statement be attached to the decision and included in journal of the day.

Before closing, we would like to thank the French and Russian delegations for this initiative.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.