



United States Mission to the OSCE
**Downing of Ukraine International
Airlines Flight PS752 by Iran**

As delivered by Political Counselor Gregory Macris
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The United States expresses its sincere condolences to those countries affected by Iran's downing of Ukrainian International Airlines flight PS752 on January 8. Iran must be held accountable, and we call on Iranian authorities to fully cooperate with investigations, including allowing international experts access to the flight data recorders (black boxes) without further delay. This tragic incident brings to mind another — that of Malaysian Airlines flight MH-17, which crashed in eastern Ukraine in 2014. We reiterate our strong support for the work of the Joint Investigation Team that thoroughly investigated the downing, and we will continue to offer all possible assistance to their efforts in bringing the perpetrators of this crime to justice. Russia must fully account for its role in the shutdown of MH-17.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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