



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to the Report by the Head of the Program Office in Astana, Ambassador Aleksey Rogov

As delivered by Chargé d’Affaires Katherine Brucker
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Ambassador Rogov, welcome back to the Permanent Council in your new capacity as Head of the OSCE Program Office in Astana. It is a pleasure to see you again following your leadership in Bishkek. We greatly value the work your team in Astana has accomplished, and we look forward to building on that record.

The United States values the Office’s close cooperation with Kazakh authorities and your outreach to civil society in support of reforms that will strengthen responsive and accountable governance, border security, and economic opportunity. Your team’s focus on asset recovery, financial oversight, and corruption prevention advance transparency and fair competition. At the same time, projects on water management, disaster preparedness, and combating human trafficking address concrete security challenges for Kazakhstan and the wider region.

We know the lack of an agreed Unified Budget complicates your Mission’s work. We urge participating States to adopt a responsible Unified Budget as soon as possible to put the Organization on stable financial footing so that it can most effectively execute its core functions in line with its mandate.

Ambassador Rogov, the United States appreciates your leadership and looks forward to working with you and your team.

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