

United States Mission to the OSCE

On World Refugee Day



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Canada has sketched the scale of the global refugee problem - I won't repeat it here, but rather jump to other comments. Like others, the United States applauds those governments that have embraced refugees from across the globe – including refugees from Ukraine – and provided them opportunities to enrich local communities.

The United States is doing its part to stand by refugees and embrace the substantial political, economic, and social contributions that refugees bring. In recent years, the United States has revitalized the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, expanding resettlement opportunities to the most vulnerable individuals. In Fiscal Year 2024, we have resettled more than 65,000 refugees already and expect approximately 100,000 refugee arrivals, the highest number in three decades. Last year, we launched the Welcome Corps, harnessing our nation's rich tradition of offering refuge through private sponsorship and enabling Americans to directly support refugees seeking safety and freedom.

We are working to innovate, adapt, and address the most pressing challenges facing refugees, so they can access safe and dignified protection, strengthen self-reliance, and be welcomed and included into their communities. We continue to advocate for durable solutions and call on our allies and partners to join us in this shared responsibility.

We stand with our OSCE partners in transforming the challenge of refugee assistance into an opportunity for mobilizing cooperation and solidarity, prioritizing human rights at every step. Forced displacement affects countries across the globe, and no country can tackle it alone. The United States reaffirms our commitment to assist forcibly displaced individuals worldwide.

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