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## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

### **Point of Clarification with Regards to Weapons in Ukraine**

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. Harry Kamian  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
October 31, 2019

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

As a representative of one of the founding members of NATO, I would like to show appreciation to the government of Ukraine for inviting members of the alliance to visit your country. It was a fantastic opportunity to show solidarity and support for your country at this time.

With regards to one of the statements made by my esteemed Russian colleague, I find it disingenuous at best—and rich at worst—that the Russian Federation would call on participating States to refrain from exporting weapons into sovereign Ukraine. There is no country more responsible for the placement of weapons in Ukraine than Russia.

Thank you.

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