



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Ukraine

As delivered by Chargé d’Affaires Katherine Brucker
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The United States remains steadfast in its commitment to direct negotiations between Russia and Ukraine leading to an end of the Russia-Ukraine war and to a durable peace agreement. In recent weeks, President Trump has outlined a comprehensive strategy to bring this war to an end. He and the First Lady have called for the world to work together for the return of Ukrainian children forcibly removed by Russia. The President has called on NATO nations to unite in imposing major sanctions on Russia, and at the UN General Assembly on Tuesday repeated his call for all NATO member states to cease their purchase of Russian energy, which has provided Russia the financial means to continue the war.

At the September 11 Permanent Council meeting, following Russia’s violation of Poland’s airspace with a large number of military drones, the United States urged Russia to end the war in Ukraine, and to stop actions that could risk it escalating into a broader conflict. Instead, on September 19, Russia again violated the airspace of a NATO member when three armed military aircraft flew ten nautical miles into Estonian airspace, coming within 15 miles of the Estonian Parliament. These two events create the impression that Russia either wants to escalate and pull more countries into its war with Ukraine, or doesn’t have control of those who operate its fighter planes and drones.

The United States stands by our NATO Allies in the face of these airspace violations. I take this opportunity to repeat, and to emphasize, the United States and our Allies will defend every inch of NATO territory.

Russia must urgently stop such reckless and dangerous behavior. At a time when the United States has been focused on efforts to end the Russia-Ukraine war, we expect Russia to seek ways to de-escalate – not to risk expanding the conflict. The United States urges Russia to uphold international peace and security, to respect the sovereignty of its neighbors, and to cease violating their airspace. And we call on Russia to negotiate directly with Ukraine to end the war.

President Trump has also proposed that NATO nations collectively implement tariffs on China, to be fully withdrawn once the war concludes. China’s bankrolling of the Russian military has prolonged the fighting, and needs to stop. We believe that these decisive actions to cut off the flow of funds will expedite the end of this deadly war, saving thousands of lives in the process.

The United States urges participating States to join us in solidarity with these efforts to restore peace and stability in the region.

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