



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Use of the OSCE Contingency Fund to aid Kyrgyzstan

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Carol Fuller
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The United States offers its full support for the proposal to use the OSCE's Contingency Fund immediately to provide the OSCE Center in Bishkek with 200,000 Euros. This is precisely the type of situation for which we created a Contingency Fund in 1997. We understand that the needs of the Center in assisting Kyrgyzstan's return to constitutional order and to public safety are subject to adjustment on a daily basis, and we appreciate Ambassador Salber's initial indication of how the contingency funds will be used.

The United States believes that the provisional government and the people of Kyrgyzstan have a unique and historic opportunity to strengthen their democracy. We remain firmly committed to assisting the people of Kyrgyzstan in that process.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.