



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia Report

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires, a.i, Katherine Brucker
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Dear Carolina, welcome to the Permanent Council. And thank you for so ably leading the mission for the last eight months, and also many thanks to your team for your work to promote peace and stability in Serbia and the Western Balkans. I'd also like to add on a personal note that there are many people in this room who know how difficult it is to serve for an extended period as an Acting Head of Mission, and I really want to congratulate you for doing such a great job in this role.

We are grateful for your active engagement to urge restraint, mutual respect, and adherence to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly amid the recent protests. Your efforts to advance justice sector reform and the Mission's sustained work on police training reform have made Serbia and the Western Balkans region safer by fighting organized crime, corruption, and drug trafficking.

As we have stated previously in this council, the United States strongly supports concrete efforts toward normalization of relations between Serbia and Kosovo.

Finally, we know the lack of an agreed Unified Budget complicates the Mission to Serbia's work. We urge participating States to adopt a 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.

Once again, Carolina, thanks to you and the entire team for your engagement with Serbian authorities and civil society, which has led to significant accomplishments over the past year.

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