



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Ukraine

As delivered by Chargé d’Affaires Kate Rebholz
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As I am taking the floor for the first time, I want to thank the Chair, the Secretariat and so many others here for the very warm welcome for me personally. Thank you.

At the outset, I would like to recall that 24 years ago today terrorists attacked the Twin Towers in New York, where 2,997 people lost their lives, including the 159 victims from OSCE participating States and Partners for Cooperation. In memory of the victims of that terrible day, the United States resolves to stand united to defend our freedoms, to uphold our values, to love our neighbors, to cherish our country, to care for our communities, to honor our heroes, and to never, ever forget.

In recent weeks, the United States has undertaken exceptional efforts to bring the Russia-Ukraine war to an end. President Trump met face-to-face with Russian President Putin in Alaska on August 15, the first summit-level meeting between our countries since Russia launched its full-scale invasion more than three and a half years ago.

President Trump then hosted Ukrainian President Zelenskyy and seven other European leaders at the White House on August 18 to build on the progress made at the Alaska summit.

However, the subsequent drone and missile attacks on Ukraine that resulted in numerous civilian casualties and damage to residential areas, the U.S. firm Flex, the offices of the EU delegation in Kyiv, the British Council building, and the office of Ukraine’s Cabinet cast doubt on the seriousness of Russia’s desire for peace. These strikes were unacceptable. We extend our deepest condolences to the victims and their families.

The United States urges the OSCE and its participating States to continue to develop plans and capabilities to contribute to a ceasefire and durable peace between Russia and Ukraine.

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