



**United States Mission to the OSCE**  
**U.S. Statement for the**  
**Forum for Security Co-operation:**  
**General Statements**

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

On behalf of the United States, I offer our deepest sympathies to Sweden and the victims of yesterday's violence. We also extend our condolences to all the innocent victims that we have heard described today — innocent victims of Russia's war against Ukraine.

Today marks one thousand and seventy-nine days of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Nearly three years of a protracted and bloody war has been incredibly destructive for Ukraine and for Russia. It should be clear to everyone that Ukraine is paying the biggest price of all. Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian lives have been lost, civilian and military. Millions of Ukrainians have had to leave their homes. The country's energy infrastructure has been battered.

Ukrainians have been incredibly brave and strong in standing up to Russia, but the dying must stop. The killing must stop.

As President Trump has said, Russia's war against Ukraine needs to end. The smartest move for President Putin would be to start negotiations now to end the conflict; otherwise, the situation will only get worse for Russia.

Russia's war against Ukraine must end in a manner that ensures a just and durable peace that bolsters our shared security — end the war in a way that assures the lasting security of Ukraine and our partners in the region, and that stops the killing, dying, and destruction. We do not want to see a flawed settlement followed by another war in two, three, or even ten years.

We want to bring lasting stability.

The longer the war drags on, the worse it is for Russia. The war has weakened Russia and its people. Russia's economy is failing, and Moscow is

losing nearly 1,500 soldiers a day. Putin needs to see the writing on the wall, come to the table now, and negotiate in good faith.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.