



## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

### **Reply to UNCTC Executive Director Ruperez**

As delivered by Ambassador Stephan M. Minikes  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

We would also like to join others in warmly welcoming Ambassador Ruperez to the Permanent Council.

The OSCE's cooperation and collaboration with the UNCTC has been instrumental in ensuring the efficient and effective use of resources in the global war on terror.

The OSCE works within the international legal framework for preventing and combatting terrorism, and has found ways to add value to the UN's efforts, most notably by working with participating States to expedite the full implementation of UN conventions and protocols related to terrorism.

We would very much welcome any ideas that Ambassador Ruperez might have on additional new activities that the OSCE might undertake to assist the UN in its counter-terrorism efforts, or where he believes that the OSCE could and should concentrate its energies.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.