



United States Mission to the OSCE

In Support of Ukraine's Demands for Russia to Account for Allegations made in its November 26 Special PC Statement

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Harry Kamian
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Mr. Chair, the United States shares the concern expressed by the distinguished Ambassador to Ukraine about the distinguished Russian Ambassador's statement during the November 26 Special PC that the Chair called in response to Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukrainian vessels in the Black Sea near the Kerch Strait.

Russia has provided no evidence for its claim, which we view as baseless. Russia has long used this chamber to deliver falsehoods and misrepresentations in an attempt to distract our attention from Russia's violations of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and its disregard for the OSCE principles and commitments. We are disappointed that the Russian Federation has again resorted to leveling unfounded claims in an attempt to divert our attention from Moscow's latest aggression.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.