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

### **Welcome to the New OSCE Secretary General, Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly  
to the Special Permanent Council, Vienna  
July 4, 2011

È un piacere particolare per me dire nel nome degli Stati Uniti: bentornato a questa organizzazione!

You come back to the organization not at a time of crisis, but of renewal, based on the new impetus for cooperation provided by the Corfu Process and the Astana Commemorative Declaration.

Mr. Secretary General, your in-depth knowledge of the OSCE will serve you well in your new capacity, where you will be called upon to provide leadership and continuity. You will become the face and voice of the organization, articulating our vision of security and explaining the relevance of our activities.

The participating States will also look to you to help us manage the demands placed on the organization, to ensure that it operates efficiently and effectively, and that it maintains the ability to carry out its core mandates. In this, we trust you will play a prominent role in helping to shape the organization to respond to the changing nature of the challenges and opportunities that face our States.

Mr. Secretary General, we wish you all the best in your new capacity. We pledge to work together constructively, to advance the OSCE's vision of a Europe whole, free and at peace.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.