



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Attack on Turkish Soldiers

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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The United States expresses condolences to the families of the victims and the people of Turkey for the terrorist attack on October 19 that killed more than two dozen Turkish soldiers. We condemn in the strongest possible terms this senseless act of violence that sows discord and instability in the OSCE region.

The United States values its close relationship with Turkey. We will continue our strong cooperation with Turkey as we work to combat violent extremism in all its forms and safeguard the security of peace-loving people everywhere. The participating States of the OSCE have a shared obligation to prevent the spread of violent extremism, and we call on all members of the international community to join us in our fight against terror.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.