



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on the Minsk Group Meeting in Sochi

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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We welcome the joint statement in Sochi of Presidents Medvedev, Aliyev, and Sargsian regarding the ongoing efforts to reach a peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

The United States, as a Co-Chair of the Minsk Group, remains strongly committed to achieving a peaceful settlement of the conflict. U.S. Co-Chair Ambassador Robert Bradtke represented the United States at the Sochi meeting.

The Minsk Group Co-Chairs will continue to work with the sides on the next steps toward a settlement, as well as confidence-building measures to improve the atmosphere for negotiations and strengthen implementation of the ceasefire.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.