



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to the Presentation by the Chairs of the Three Committees: the Security Committee, the Economic and Environmental Committee and the Human Dimension Committee

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Let me extend to Canada also the condolences of the United States.

Since the Ministerial Council meeting, the United States has consistently emphasized the need for this organization to reform. The OSCE must return to its core functions and focus its resources more effectively. The OSCE can play a vital role in furthering regional security and contribute to peace and prosperity among all participating States. The work of the three committees is integral to achieving these objectives.

Across-the-board modernization, prioritization, and fiscal reforms are essential first steps. The United States expects a reduction of at least €15 million from the Unified Budget. We want to see a field-forward approach that streamlines administrative costs and staffing and focuses resources where the OSCE has unique added value. Less in Vienna, more in the field. Less talk, more action.

In the first dimension, we want to see more focus on cybersecurity and border management, including countering illegal immigration, as well as revitalizing conventional arms control and countering terrorism and money laundering. The second dimension provides an opportunity to strengthen market-based economies and energy strategies, especially in Central Asia, and build OSCE participating States’ resilience to Chinese malign impact on supply chains. The United States looks forward to identifying in the Human Dimension Committee ways this organization and each and every participating State can take effective, concrete action against the alarming surge of antisemitism, counter anti-Christian bias, strengthen protections for freedom of expression and freedom of religion or belief, and combat trafficking.

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