



United States Mission to the OSCE **U.S. Statement for the** **Forum for Security Co-operation:** **General Statement**

As delivered by Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Dave Haugen
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Thank you, Madam Chair,

The United States continues to urge all participating States to seize this opportunity for meaningful reform. By refocusing the OSCE on its foundational mandates and streamlining its operations, we can ensure that the Organization remains agile and responsive to evolving security threats. The OSCE's unique platform enables us to collectively advance arms control, secure small arms and light weapons, and accelerate demining efforts—initiatives that are critical to safeguarding our region.

This work is urgent. The United States is working to advance a negotiated end to the Russia-Ukraine war, and recent trilateral discussion in Abu Dhabi demonstrate our commitment to a full cessation of hostilities and an enduring peace. A reformed, effective OSCE is essential to supporting such diplomatic efforts and addressing the security challenges we face.

Implementing modernization, cost containment, and fiscal discipline will not only enhance the OSCE's effectiveness but also deliver tangible budgetary savings, as outlined in our calls for reform. These reforms will strengthen the OSCE's capacity to promote peace, stability, and prosperity for all participating States.

The United States stands ready to collaborate with partners to realize these goals and reinforce the OSCE's role as a cornerstone of regional security.

Thank you, Madam Chair.