



United States Mission to the OSCE
U.S. Statement for the
Joint Session of the
Forum for Security Co-operation and
Permanent Council:
General Statement

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Mister Chair,

The United States welcomes this joint session and the opportunity to address the human rights dimensions of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security.

Conflict-related human rights abuses contradict the letter and spirit of the Helsinki Final Act’s guiding principles. The United States takes its own commitments under the Code of Conduct seriously, and we call on all participating States to do the same.

The U.S. Armed Forces operate within a robust constitutional and legal framework. Civilian control of the military is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. In addition, the Uniform Code of Military Justice provides a system of accountability for all service members.

We also must recognize that all participating States face ongoing challenges. New operational environments, evolving security threats, and emerging technologies demand that we continuously update our training and adherence mechanisms.

The United States urges all participating States to strengthen implementation, ensure accountability, and engage constructively in this forum to uphold the standards we all have endorsed.

Thank you, Mister Chair.