



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to the Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Pons

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President Pons, welcome back to the Permanent Council.

The United States appreciates the Parliamentary Assembly's efforts to strengthen our shared principles. Parliamentarians have a crucial role to play in their implementation. We also welcome the Assembly's ongoing collaboration with OSCE institutions and structures.

The OSCE and the Parliamentary Assembly facilitate cooperation and dialogue among nations. At this moment, when we are focused on restoring peace in Europe, that matters more than ever.

Security and stability in our region must be restored through sincere dialogue. Ending the bloodshed in Ukraine remains an utmost priority for the United States. We must work together to ensure that when there is peace between Russia and Ukraine, the OSCE is prepared to support it on day one. I hope that the Parliamentary Assembly will support this goal.

We would appreciate the Parliamentary Assembly's continued support for reform of the OSCE. As we discussed here last week, this means fiscal discipline through Zero Nominal Growth (ZNG) until results are delivered. It means modernizing OSCE operations and management procedures and perhaps engaging an outside consultant. It also means making it easier for participating States and the Chair-in-Office to guide and manage its work. Finally, it means updating the Scales of Contributions and ensuring fair burden-sharing.

President Pons, we look forward to upcoming PA meetings, including the Autumn Session in Andorra where we are expecting a robust U.S. Delegation from Congress.

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