



United States Mission to the OSCE

U.S. Statement for the Forum for Security Co-operation: General Statement

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Thank you, Madam Chair,

At the September 11 Permanent Council meeting, following Russia's violation of Poland's airspace with a large number of military drones, the United States urged Russia to follow President Trump's leadership and end the war in Ukraine via direct negotiations with Kyiv, and to stop actions that could risk broader conflict.

Instead, on September 19, Russia again violated the airspace of a NATO member when three armed military aircraft flew ten nautical miles into Estonian airspace, coming within 15 miles of the Estonian Parliament. These two events create the impression that Russia is not serious about maintaining European security or sincere about pursuing the path to peace.

Let me reiterate that the United States stands by our NATO Allies in the face of these airspace violations. I take this opportunity to repeat, and to emphasize, the United States and our Allies will defend every inch of NATO territory and renew our call for Russia to stop such behavior and instead seek a durable resolution of the war.

At a time when the United States and President Trump have been focused on efforts to end the Russia-Ukraine war, we expect Russia to seek ways to de-escalate tensions and demonstrate its commitment to the diplomatic resolution of the war. The United States urges Russia to uphold international peace and security, respect the sovereignty of its neighbors, cease violating their airspace, negotiate directly with Ukraine, and end the war in line with President Trump's vision.

Thank you, Madam Chair.