



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Access to RFE/RL in Kazakhstan

As delivered by Ambassador Julie Finley
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

At the May 29th meeting of the Permanent Council, the United States expressed its concern about blockage of access to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's website in Kazakhstan. Today, we are pleased to note that Internet users in Kazakhstan and its neighboring countries are once again able to access the RFE/RL websites.

Unobstructed access to Internet news sites is fundamental of media freedom in any country, and we expect that there will be no repetition of this problem, either for RFE/RL or for any other independent websites.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.