



United States Mission to the OSCE

Presentation of the 2025 Programme Outline by the OSCE Secretary General

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Secretary General Schmid, dear Helga, the United States welcomes the OSCE Program Outline for 2025 and the comprehensive vision it encapsulates. It signals how the organization will respond to emerging crises, conduct capacity building, and advance comprehensive security. Support for the program outline is the essential first step toward the adoption of the 2025 OSCE Unified Budget —a decision that is crucial for the effective functioning and sustainability of this organization. The Program Outline offers a roadmap that illustrates how, with sufficient financial resources, this organization will be equipped to fulfill our mandates and uphold our shared commitments.

As we all know, and as you and the Secretary General reminded us, the OSCE has not yet adopted its Unified Budget since 2021. The absence of a budget has impeded our collective ability to effectively address the myriad security, economic, and human rights problems that we face across the OSCE region. And, thank you to you and your team for compiling a list of the practical consequences caused by the lack of an approved Unified Budget. This report will help our capitals understand the severe constraints under which the OSCE must work under because of the intransigence of just a few participating States. We are fortunate that 34 States came to the aid of the Organization last year and contributed to the repository program.

We strongly support Malta’s efforts to find consensus for the 2024 Unified Budget and look forward to detailed presentations on the 2025 Program Outline in the coming days. We urge all participating States to engage constructively in these discussions. It is imperative that we work collaboratively so the OSCE can operate with the financial stability and predictability necessary for its critical work to advance Helsinki Final Act principles and help participating States meet our OSCE commitments.

The United States stands ready to support this process and encourages all participating States to do the same. Together, we can ensure that the OSCE remains a robust and effective platform for addressing the security challenges of our time.

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