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## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

## Response to the Address by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Robert Abisoghomonyan

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Katherine Brucker to the Permanent Council, Vienna March 26, 2025

Deputy Minister Abisoghomonyan, welcome back to the Permanent Council. It is nice to see so many OSCE alumni return in different capacities. The United States congratulates Armenia and Azerbaijan for concluding negotiations and finalizing the text of a peace agreement. This is a historic achievement.

After decades of conflict, Armenia and Azerbaijan are on a positive trajectory. It is sobering to reflect that the majority of the Armenian and Azerbaijani populations know only a state of tension between the two countries.

Mr. Deputy Minister, your countries have made the first and most difficult step – agreeing the text. Now you must sign and ratify the treaty. This should be done without delay. We encourage you to build on this momentum to settle all obstacles to a durable peace and achieve for your people a historic and lasting settlement.

President Trump has been clear about his desire to end global conflicts. We welcome the bilateral achievements of Armenia and Azerbaijan. We urge Armenia and Azerbaijan to continue to move forward on their path toward a prosperous and secure South Caucasus.

The United States stands ready to assist Armenia and Azerbaijan in this endeavor.

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