



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to the Presentations of the Chairs of the Three Committees

As delivered by Chargé d’Affaires, Katherine Brucker
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The United States welcomes the chairs of the first, second, and third dimension committees to the Permanent Council. Thank you for your willingness to lead these important committees.

Ambassador Holland, dear Neil, we support your focus on destabilizing hybrid activities in the OSCE area, which fall squarely within the Security Committee’s mandate and deserve continuing emphasis. We welcome your addressing threats associated with illegal migration, border security, cyber threats, and illicit financial networks as an enabler of organized crime.

Ambassador Župevc, dear Melita, we encourage you to prioritize energy and broader economic resilience, which are critical to strengthening stability across the OSCE region. We also encourage you to elevate work to counter corruption, which threatens states’ integrity and security, and places undue burdens on legitimate business operations.

Ambassador Olsson Vrang, dear Anna, we support a world that respects the inherent and equal rights of every human being and freedom under law. The freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly, association, and religion or belief are protected by the U.S. Constitution and are key tenets of the OSCE. We seek to work with you to advance democratic values by upholding free speech, halting censorship, and condemning politically motivated persecution. We would also like to work with you to eliminate all forms of discrimination, including by combating antisemitism, promoting religious freedom, and respecting the rights of women and girls.

Chairs, your task is not easy, and the challenges you will face this year are great. Know that we appreciate your efforts, and those of your teams, and we are here to support you.

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