



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to Inaugural Remarks by OSCE Secretary General Feridun Sinirlioğlu

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Secretary General Sinirlioğlu, welcome to the Permanent Council and congratulations again on your appointment, and on your birthday. We look forward to working with you to ensure this Organization has the support and capacity to continue its work in all three dimensions of security.

Your tenure begins at a time of rapid change in the European security landscape, and your leadership will be instrumental in ensuring this Organization can seize the opportunities and address the emerging threats accompanying this change.

The United States firmly backs you in your mandate to support the Chairperson-in-Office to fulfill the OSCE's goals, to promote political dialogue among participating States, and to oversee the work of the Secretariat and field operations. Your success will be central to the success of the Organization.

Upholding Helsinki Final Act principles and commitments in all three security dimensions and translating them into actions on the ground across the OSCE region, including in response to Russia's aggression, must be our collective focus. It is increasingly clear that malign activities in the OSCE region, including those of Russia and the PRC, threaten security.

Helping participating States apply in practice the OSCE's comprehensive concept of security requires a nimble, responsive Secretariat as well as agile field operations. And for them to do their work with maximum effectiveness, we must adopt a Unified Budget. We again urge all participating States to do their part to achieve long overdue consensus on the budget. In this effort, the Secretary General must play a leading role, and we welcome your determination to do so. We note as well that coordination among the Secretariat, autonomous institutions, and field operations is essential to advancing comprehensive security.

Mr. Secretary General, this organization plays a vital role in strengthening regional security, making all participating States, including my own, safer. We wish you all success and assure you of our full support.

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