



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

### **Right of Reply – Working Session 12 Fundamental Freedoms I (continued), including freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief**

As delivered by Ambassador Michael Kozak,  
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With regard to the comments about our countering violent extremism policy, as our President said, “ISIL and al Qaeda want to claim that they are the true leaders of over a billion Muslims. . . . That is their propaganda. If we fall into the trap of painting all Muslims with a broad brush, we’re doing their work for them.”

Regarding the recommendation to expand the mandate of the SMM in Ukraine to include monitoring on religious freedom, the mandate of the SMM already includes such monitoring. We will pass your recommendation to the SMM leadership.