



## **United States Mission to the OSCE** **The Russian Federation's Ongoing Aggression** **Against Ukraine**

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Katherine Brucker  
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Russia's war against Ukraine continues to destroy lives and decimate communities. Over the last two weeks, Russian forces have intensified their attacks on civilians and critical infrastructure. On January 23rd, missiles struck Zaporizhzhia, killing one person and injuring 31 others, including a two-month-old infant. Russia's destruction of an energy facility in Zaporizhzhia left thousands without power or heat in the middle of winter. Just one day later, on January 24th, drones attacked Kyiv, killing three civilians and tearing apart homes, businesses, and vehicles. The strikes left scars on the heart of Ukraine's capital and again demonstrated Russia's willingness to target civilians and civilian infrastructure.

Russian attacks are devastating Ukraine's population and infrastructure, inflicting harm that will endure for decades. As Secretary Rubio has said, the damage to Ukraine's energy systems alone will require hundreds of billions of dollars and a sustained international effort to rebuild. Mariupol, once home to half a million people, lies in ruins. Millions of Ukrainians are displaced, many of whom will return to towns and cities left unrecognizable. These attacks are not only a tragedy for Ukraine but also disrupt energy security and violate international law obligations regarding sovereignty and territorial integrity that uphold peace and security in the OSCE region and globally.

The United States is committed to ending this war in a manner that halts the killing and destruction while securing a just and sustainable resolution. President Trump has emphasized that the death and destruction from this conflict must end. The United States will work toward a fair and equitable solution that protects a sovereign Ukraine.

Diplomacy, backed by decisive action, will be critical in achieving these objectives. Russia's aggression must cease, and the OSCE and the international community must act together to hold Russia accountable and to bring about a durable peace.

Thank you, Madame. Chair.

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