



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Police Advisory Group for Kyrgyzstan

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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The United States is very pleased that today we have the opportunity to provide the assistance to Kyrgyzstan that we've been speaking about since mid-June.

Through the Corfu Process, the United States has proposed new or updated mechanisms to ensure the effectiveness of the OSCE in responding to crises such as the one faced by our fellow participating State - Kyrgyzstan. The passage of time alone has not led to a resolution of the crisis, either in calming ethnic tensions or in building trust between the communities and the police, especially in southern Kyrgyzstan. The events in Kyrgyzstan since April 7 underscore the need for better, more rapid ways for us to fulfill our shared commitments.

Today we approved the Police Advisory Group for Kyrgyzstan, along with, I trust, the enhancement of the OSCE Center in Bishkek. I must say, this would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Ambassador Salber of the CPC, Mr. Kevin Carty from SPMU, Ambassador Andrew Tesoriere in Bishkek and each member of their very capable staffs.

We also express our thanks to our colleague, Ambassador Imanalieva, and to the Government of Kyrgyzstan, which engaged at the highest levels to move the Chair's concept paper forward expeditiously. We are confident the same spirit of cooperation will result in a Memorandum of Understanding between the OSCE and the Kyrgyz authorities, which is being finalized before the end of this week.

Thank you, Mister Chairman.