



United States Mission to the OSCE
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We are making significant progress on the path towards peace in Ukraine thanks to President Trump's strong leadership. President Zelenskyy has agreed to enter into an immediate, interim thirty-day ceasefire, which can be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. As President Trump has indicated, the United States had productive discussions with President Putin on the ceasefire proposal, and we urge the Russian Federation to join Ukraine in agreeing to this ceasefire proposal to stop the bloodshed and move to negotiations to bring a swift and durable end to this horrible war.

We recognize there are a lot of questions that need to be addressed, including how a ceasefire will be implemented and monitored. These modalities will be part of the next phase in negotiations.

Over its fifty-year history as the world's largest regional security organization, the OSCE has contributed to resolving conflicts and supporting peace and stability across the Eurasian continent. It offers a wide variety of flexible tools, which could contribute to the monitoring and verification required to maintain a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine. This Forum in particular has political-military expertise that could bolster efforts toward peace, and I believe that every delegation represented here is eager to help end this war that has cost so many lives.

Mr. Chair,

Separately, we would like to congratulate Armenia and Azerbaijan on concluding negotiations on the text of a historic peace treaty and call on both parties to sign and ratify the agreement, implement it fully, and work in good faith towards peaceful resolution of any outstanding disagreements. The United

States also welcomes the recent historic agreement between Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic to settle border disputes, which will ease tensions and support trade and development, leading to a more prosperous and peaceful region. We hope this positive momentum is a harbinger of the future for our work on reaching a ceasefire and a durable peace between Russia and Ukraine.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.