



United States Mission to the OSCE

U.S. Statement for the Forum for Security Cooperation: Support for the Chair

As delivered by Arms Control Counselor Daniel Wartko
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The United States fully supports the decision of the Chair to continue with this meeting despite the concerted efforts of one participating State to sabotage the functioning of this organization and to undermine the very values upon which the OSCE was founded.

We have much work to do, and the Forum for Security Cooperation is an essential mechanism to support our shared, core values. The United States remains steadfast in the belief that the FSC must serve as a vital platform for dialogue and cooperation.

The United States offers its strongest support for your prerogative as Chair to take the decisive action to ensure the good order and smooth running of this Forum. Your rationale – supported by guidance from the legal counsel and based upon a plain reading of the FSC's founding documents and Rules of Procedure – offer us all a clear and transparent explanation for your decision.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.