



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

The work and actions of the FSC are vital to European security. When that work is obstructed, there are consequences. When this organization's founding principles are ignored and violated, there are consequences. For Ukraine, the consequences have been death and destruction as Russia attempts to erase Ukraine's history, destroy its culture, and vilify its people. Yet the Ukrainian people rose up, fought back, and are protecting their sovereignty and freedom. The representatives of the Ukrainian people come—week after week—to this Forum and lay-out in calm, clear language the terrible damage to their country, and state their steadfast determination to defend themselves.

Ukraine has gone even further: it has invited international observers from around the world to see firsthand the front lines of Russia's war. Because of this, we have seen the damage brought about by one participating State's attempt at historical revisionism.

Mr. Chair,

The defense of Ukraine is the defense of stability and of our shared principles, not only in Europe and Eurasia, but globally. To support this effort, on September 6 the United States announced a new military aid package for Ukraine. This nearly \$250 million addition will provide Ukraine with much-needed air defense missiles and support, munitions for rocket systems and artillery, anti-tank weapons, Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, and other priority capabilities. The United States has now committed approximately \$55.9 billion since the beginning of the unprovoked and brutal invasion that began in February 2022.

Our support also includes humanitarian efforts. The United States committed more than \$700 million in assistance to support Ukraine's energy

infrastructure and provide vital humanitarian assistance to Ukrainian internally displaced persons and refugees. It will also support demining operations that prevent civilian casualties, restore civilian infrastructure, and facilitate the safe delivery of humanitarian aid. This assistance will: help repair and restore Ukraine's power generation facilities damaged by brutal attacks; deploy new, distributed power technologies; provide emergency backup power for critical services like water and heat going into the winter; and strengthen the physical security of Ukraine's critical energy infrastructure.

The United States is contributing funds that will provide the people of Ukraine and refugees in the region with critical support, including safe drinking water, food, accessible shelter, legal assistance, healthcare, protection services, and education through the support of international and local partners. Working with the United States Congress, the Biden Administration also intends to include over \$102 million to address unexploded ordnance left behind by Russia's forces, supporting Ukraine's economic recovery and civilian security in line with Ukraine's National Mine Action Strategy.

This aid represents a commitment by the United States to ensure that Ukraine can stand strong militarily, economically, and democratically. We encourage all other participating States to contribute to Ukraine's defense, security, and well-being as an investment in the security of the entire OSCE region.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.