



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to the Report by the Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo

As delivered by Chargé d’Affaires, Katherine Brucker
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Ambassador Gerard McGurk, welcome to the OSCE and to the Permanent Council. We are pleased to have you leading the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, and like others I want to extend our great thanks to Deputy Head of Mission Connie Taylor for leading the mission so effectively during the extended interim period, and to your entire team for its excellent work.

The United States supports Kosovo as a sovereign democracy. This requires normalizing relations between Serbia and Kosovo, including eventual mutual recognition. We call for Kosovo’s political leaders to work together to constitute the Assembly and form a government in accordance with the Constitution.

Ambassador, we appreciate the field mission’s partnerships with Kosovo’s 38 municipalities. We applaud your work to strengthen public institutions and legal frameworks to improve the rule of law and accountability and to promote respect for the human rights of all in Kosovo.

To make Kosovo a more attractive destination for foreign investment, we would like to see more work to strengthen a free and fair market economy, fight transnational organized crime, and ensure foreign investments adhere to international best practices. We have seen how malign foreign investments pose a serious risk to national and economic sovereignty and therefore applaud Kosovo's efforts to resist such investments.

Ambassador McGurk, we know the lack of an agreed budget greatly complicates your work. We urge all participating States to join consensus to adopt a Unified Budget as soon as possible and to put the organization on stable footing.

Looking ahead, we want all parties to work together to build a stable, peaceful, prosperous future. It is unfortunate that Kosovo is unable to speak for itself before this body.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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