



United States Mission to the OSCE

Presentation of the 2026 Programme Outline by the OSCE Secretary General

As delivered by Deputy Chief of Mission, Tim Hanway
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Mr. Secretary General, the United States welcomes the OSCE Program Outline for 2026 – the first step toward the adoption of a 2026 Unified Budget.

Under the tightened fiscal environment that we all face, the United States approaches 2026 as an opportunity to refocus attention on areas where the OSCE is positioned to make a difference and where real gains could strengthen our common security.

Today, we would like to highlight three of these areas. First, as we've mentioned before in this Council, we believe the OSCE and participating States should prioritize stemming illegal immigration throughout the entire OSCE region. Illegal immigration, including instances of pushing migrants across borders without the consent of the receiving country, are enormous threats to security, with many migrants also being victims of trafficking.

Second, we have a common interest in identifying concrete steps to enhance economic security. This starts with working together to counter aggressive and unfair economic practices, trade, and technology dependencies from countries like China, whose stranglehold on our critical physical and digital infrastructure comes with dire security and human costs. We can strengthen economic security through business-friendly investment practices and policies, the protection of contractual and property rights, and improved connectivity. Further, the private sector is an indispensable partner in bringing sustained economic security and development to the people of the OSCE region and we support OSCE's good governance and anti-corruption efforts that help shape a vibrant environment conducive to fair trade, investment, and prosperity.

Third, I want to recall the May 21 horrific murder of two Israeli Embassy employees in Washington, DC, and the terrorist attack on a peaceful Jewish assembly in Colorado. These events are tragic reminders that Jews and Jewish communities now face levels of uncertainty and physical danger not experienced since the Second World War. This is a chilling indication of the absolute and continued need to counter antisemitism.

We call on all OSCE institutions and missions and all participating States to prioritize these three areas where concrete progress would strengthen our security, opportunities for economic growth, and the safety of our citizens.

We support the Finnish Chair's work to achieve consensus on a 2025 Unified Budget. We need a budget that all participating States can afford, and the Secretariat and the independent institutions can adhere to. We urge participating States to adopt a Unified Budget as soon as possible, and to put the organization on stable financial footing to execute its core functions in line with its mandate.

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