



United States Mission to the OSCE

Release of Human Rights Report

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Later today, Secretary of State John Kerry will release the 2014 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, commonly known as the annual Human Rights Reports.

The Reports cover conditions around the world for the exercise of internationally recognized, civil, political, and worker rights, as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The publication of this annual report reflects the deep commitment of the United States government and the American people to the global advancement of human rights. In the OSCE region, as in all regions of the world, respect for human rights within states is essential to lasting peace and well-being among states.

Mr. Chairman, the United States will also continue to listen and reply forthrightly to the views of others regarding our own human rights performance. We view such dialogue to be positive and as in keeping with our OSCE commitments.

The Reports will be available later today at www.state.gov and www.humanrights.gov.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.