



## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

# **The Russian Federation's Ongoing Aggression Against Ukraine**

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Katherine Brucker  
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President Trump knows that what leaders do matters more than what they say. Neither statements of support for Ukraine nor denunciations of Russia stop drone and missile attacks, protect Ukrainian civilians, or bring the war one step closer to its end. The only way that can happen is at the negotiating table.

Both Russia and Ukraine must come to the table, engage constructively, and participate seriously in the hard diplomacy necessary to achieve a durable peace. President Trump is the only world leader who can do this. The outcome of negotiations is uncertain, but the outcome of refusing to participate in negotiations is certain — refusal to negotiate yields more war.

Since President Trump's inauguration, the United States has held the first high-level discussion with Russia in three years and has been in constant communication with Ukraine. In Jeddah this week, the United States and Ukraine took important steps toward restoring a durable peace for Ukraine. The United States will communicate to Russia that Russian reciprocity is the key to achieving peace. We have spoken daily with European partners. The United States remains fully engaged in the diplomacy needed to reach a peace settlement. We call on all our Allies and partners to engage constructively as well.

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