



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

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

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Katherine Brucker  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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We are making significant progress on the path towards peace in Ukraine thanks to President Trump's strong leadership. On March 19th, both President Zelenskyy and President Putin agreed to a partial ceasefire against attacks on energy infrastructure. We urge both to implement this agreement and act to make a ceasefire work. This would be an important step towards peace.

This progress was built on close dialogue and consultation with Ukraine, Russia, and our allies and partners. Both Russia and Ukraine are going to have their own positions. Both sides are going to have to make compromises.

Technical teams met on March 23rd and 24th in Saudi Arabia to continue discussions to ensure safe navigation, eliminate the use of force, and prevent the use of commercial vessels for military purposes in the Black Sea. We want to carry out this work as quickly as possible. This could build further momentum toward the complete end of the war and increased security for the OSCE region.

Mr. Chair, after these recent conversations, there is reason to be cautiously optimistic on a possible ceasefire. Still, much work remains to be done.

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