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United States Mission to the OSCE

Interpretative Statement under Paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rule of Procedure

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The United States joins the large majority of OSCE participating States in noting its concern by attempts from other States to infringe on the ability of non-governmental organizations to fully participate in OSCE events. Moreover, we believe that the PPP conference is unique in that its goal is to encourage partnerships between States and NGOs and that this in no way should be seen as setting a precedent for NGO participation at other OSCE events.