



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

### **INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE OSCE RULES OF PROCEDURE**

As delivered by Chargé d' Affaires Kyle Scott  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States does not agree with the interpretative statement that was just now made by the delegation of Belarus. There is much work yet to be done by the office in Minsk. My government believes that one of the greatest strengths of this Organization is the flexibility and dynamic action of our field missions under the political direction of the Chairman-in-Office. The OSCE's field missions are given the mandate to undertake broad program responsibilities, and not to have individual projects micro-managed. The Heads of Mission should be free to develop projects based on their overall mandate, and to operate in all of the interdependent areas of work of the OSCE. That is the strength of this Organization, and that is the added value of our missions. Mission reporting should be honest, and reflect the best judgment of the Head of Mission, and not be subject to censorship or editing by other actors.

I would like to request that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.