



**United States Mission to the OSCE**  
**Statement on Failure to Resume  
Transnistria Conflict Negotiations**

As delivered by Ambassador Julie Finley  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States is disappointed to learn this week that the representatives of the Transnistrian separatist authorities decided, once again, not to participate in the round of Five-Plus-Two talks that the mediators proposed. We call on all sides to reconvene and continue the dialogue. There can be no progress toward a resolution of the Transnistrian conflict without negotiations.

The United States, as an observer in the Five-Plus-Two format, stands ready to resume our participation.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.