



United States Mission to the OSCE

On Russian “humanitarian” convoy sent to Ukraine

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The United States also strongly condemns Russia’s brazen violation of Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity when it for the fourth time sent a white truck “humanitarian” convoy without Ukraine’s consent or inspection.

Just as we have expressed our concern over the previous convoys, we express outrage over this continued escalatory act.

Mr. Chair, there are many problems that we face that are truly hard. This is not hard. There are ways to express genuine humanitarian concern without violating international law or humanitarian principles. The fact that Moscow does not avail itself of these and pursue a legitimate route reflects poorly on Moscow’s motives.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.