



United States Mission to the OSCE

On the Russian Federation's Malign Activities in the OSCE Region

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. Katherine Brucker
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
May 16, 2024

The United States is deeply concerned about Russia's recent destabilizing activities in the OSCE region, including those resulting in the investigation and charging of multiple individuals in connection with hostile state activity affecting Czechia, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and the United Kingdom. It is clear Russia's actions are meant to intimidate and distract us all from its war against Ukraine and to silence its critics. We condemn Russia for this behavior and are acting with partners to address it.

These incidents are part of Russia's intensifying campaign across the OSCE area, including on NATO Alliance territory and through proxies. Russia is using sabotage, acts of violence, malicious cyber activities, disinformation campaigns, and other hybrid operations. We express our deep concern about Russia's hybrid actions, which threaten our collective security. Let me be clear, Russia's destabilizing activities are dangerous.

We support and stand in solidarity with the affected Allies, including the United Kingdom. We will act to address these actions in close coordination with partners. We will continue to boost our resilience and to apply and enhance tools to counter and contest Russian hybrid actions. We will ensure that the Alliance and Allies are prepared to deter and defend against hybrid actions or attacks.

We condemn Russia's behavior, and call on Russia to uphold its international obligations, as the United States and our Allies do. As we have repeatedly demonstrated, we will not let Russia deter us from supporting Ukraine.

###