



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

### **Right of Reply to Belarus**

As delivered by Deputy Chief of Mission Courtney Austrian  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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I echo the previous comments of my Polish and EU colleagues.

Russia remains the sole obstacle to peace in Ukraine and the region. And right now it seems as though the Lukashenka regime is making decisions that seem more in the interests of President Putin and his cronies than in the Belarusian people.

As long as the regime in Belarus refuses to respect its international obligations and commitments, undermines peace and security of Europe and continues to repress and abuse people seeking to live in freedom, we will continue to pressure Lukashenka and will not lessen our calls for accountability.

And in the meantime, the United States gives its full support to Ukraine and Poland and encourages the government of Belarus to encourage Russia to cease its attack on Ukraine.

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