



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Islam

As delivered by Deputy Permanent Representative Douglas Davidson
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We should like to thank Ambassador Orhun for his intervention today.

The United States rejects any attempt to link terrorist acts with any nationality or religion. We strongly condemn any act of terrorism regardless of the motivation for it.

I think our policy in this regard was best summed up by the President of the United States himself who said, and here I quote, "Some of the comments that have been uttered about Islam do not reflect the sentiments of my government or the sentiments of most Americans. Islam, as practiced by the vast majority of people, is a peaceful religion, a religion that respects others."

Thank You.