



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Transnistrian Confidence and Security Building Measures

As delivered by Ambassador Stephan M. Minikes
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman

The United States welcomes the finalization of a package of confidence and security building measures for the Transnistrian region by Russian, Ukrainian and OSCE negotiators in Bratislava on June 21st.

We particularly applaud the efforts of the negotiators who contributed many, many months of hard work. It is our hope that these measures will help to reduce tensions in the region and to encourage greater cooperation and understanding between the parties that are involved here.

The United States encourages the parties to support these confidence and security building measures when they are presented by the negotiators in July, and to make every effort to implement them.

Thank you very much.