



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

### **Statement on Recent Visit to Military Training Exercise in Yavoriv, Ukraine**

As delivered by Deputy Chief of Mission Kate Byrnes  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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On October 13, the U.S. Mission to the OSCE helped facilitate an informal visit by a group of Permanent Representatives to the Ukrainian military training center in Yavoriv, where Ambassador Baer and colleagues observed ongoing training of Ukrainian National Guard servicemen by the U.S. military.

The group received a briefing on the training program and observed exercises in the field.

While at Yavoriv, the group also had the opportunity to learn about parallel training being conducted by Canada.

The informal visit was consistent with the overall approach of transparency with respect to U.S. assistance to Ukraine.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.