



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on GUAM

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the founding of GUAM, we emphasize that the United States strongly supports this organization. We welcome its efforts to work with the United States on issues of common concern. In the OSCE context, the United States coordinates closely with the GUAM countries as they work individually and collectively to fulfill their OSCE commitments.

The United States recognizes the sovereignty and territorial integrity of GUAM's member states and supports the peaceful settlement of the conflicts in the region through negotiations between the parties.

We are pleased to see GUAM moving from discussions to operations. We congratulate GUAM on the establishment of its Secretariat in Kyiv and the appointment of its first Secretary-General. These are important achievements, and a strong Secretary-General and a strong Secretariat are vital to GUAM's future success. We also congratulate GUAM that its Virtual Law Enforcement Center is operational. We hope to see GUAM take full advantage of the Law Enforcement Center in the fight against transnational crime in the region.

At the end of this month, the United States looks forward to welcoming GUAM representatives to Washington for consultations and discussions on matters of mutual interest.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.