



United States Mission to the OSCE
Statement Regarding the Minsk Group

As delivered by Ambassador Daniel B. Baer
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The United States attaches great importance to the work of the Minsk Group Co-Chairs. We value their efforts to advance a peaceful and lasting settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, by speaking with one voice, and in dialogue with all Minsk Group members. We note recent statements that have called into question Turkey's constructiveness as a Minsk Group member and disagree with that assessment. Turkey has been a valuable member of the Minsk Group and has worked cooperatively with the Co-Chairs on finding a way forward in peace talks.

We welcome today's news that there will be a Summit this weekend in Switzerland and would like again to express our hope for intensified dialogue in 2016.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.