



United States Mission to the OSCE

3rd Preparatory Seminar in Tashkent

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We'd like to thank the Economic Coordinator for his report on the Third Preparatory Seminar, and to congratulate the conference organizers on a successful event. A special thanks goes to our Uzbek hosts for their warm welcome.

Like the two seminars that preceded it, the third preparatory seminar on the Impact of Trafficking in Drugs highlighted the trans-national and cross-dimensional aspects of trafficking in general.

As drug trafficking affects every OSCE participating State in some fashion, the seminar was of real relevance to all participants. Very interesting ideas and suggestions emerged, and we are confident that these will promote lively debate and solid, actionable recommendations at the Economic Forum next month in Prague.

Thank you.