



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on the May 1, 2004 Enlargement of the European Union

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

The United States warmly welcomes the historic enlargement of the European Union on May 1. For a world "previously marked by conflict" to use the words of the EU presidency just now, this is a great, bold and historic step that, together with NATO enlargement, is solidifying a Europe "whole, free and at peace."

And we look forward to working with the expanded European Union to help build a safer, freer and more prosperous world.

Thank you very much.