



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to Ukraine's Announcement of a Proposal for Settlement of the Transnistria Conflict

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Paul Jones
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States welcomes Ukraine's interest and efforts in seeking a resolution to the Transnistria conflict.

We appreciate President Yushchenko's initiative to offer a settlement proposal. The United States will study the proposal closely. We look forward to discussing it with Ukraine, Moldova, the other mediators and other interested parties.

The United States reiterates its desire for a peaceful settlement of the conflict that respects Moldova's sovereignty and territorial integrity and guarantees democracy and respect for the rights of all Moldova's people. We again call on the Transnistrian representatives to demonstrate good faith, seriousness and responsibility in resuming negotiations to finally put an end to this conflict.

We also reiterate our call on the Transnistrian authorities to refrain from provocative actions, such as the ongoing harassment of farmers from the village of Dorotscaia that we raised at the April 21st session of the Permanent Council.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.