



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response Thanking Japan for Contributions to Strengthening Border Security in Central Asia

As delivered by Chargé d' Affaires Kyle Scott
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Madam Chairwoman,

The United States agrees with Japan that the security of Afghanistan is unquestionably linked to the security of the entire OSCE region and the entire Asian region. We therefore welcome Japan's extremely generous contribution recognizing the value of an OSCE-led regional approach to achieving a lasting improvement in the management and security of Afghanistan's borders.

We continue to believe that the OSCE has the mandate, the capability and the expertise to make a difference in addressing challenges to border security and in shaping the future of border management in Central Asia, including Afghanistan.

Thank you, Japan, for your leadership.