



## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

### **Reissuing the Vienna Document 2011**

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We regret that the Vienna Document is not going to be reissued this year. It is hard to understand the inability to incorporate into the document provisions that have already been adopted by the FSC and are being implemented. This is another stark indication of the lack of common commitment to advancing what should be a shared, OSCE-community effort to re-build military transparency in Europe.

Back in 2010, the FSC decided to reissue the Vienna Document every five calendar years or more frequently, and to incorporate that decision into VDoc 2011. It should be a fairly simple task to reissue the Vienna Document to include Vienna Document Plus (VD PLUS) provisions that have already been adopted by the FSC and are in effect. Regrettably, little progress has been made recently on substantive updates, so only the VD PLUS provisions from 2012 and 2013 would have been incorporated into the Vienna Document we had hoped would be reissued this year.

Unfortunately, the Russian Federation has decided to politicize the very process it supported and promoted in 2010. This obstructionist approach comes at a time when full cooperation and implementation of core OSCE agreements by all participating States is necessary to support transparency and confidence building in Europe. We urge Russia to adhere to all of its existing OSCE commitments, and to work constructively, in a spirit of collegiality, to update and modernize the Vienna Document to help us better address the ongoing challenges of the current security environment and improve the European security architecture to the benefit of all OSCE participating States.

We reiterate that VDoc 2011 and all VD PLUS decisions adopted since November 2011 remain in effect. We call on all participating States to redouble efforts to modernize the Vienna Document and to enhance security, predictability, and transparency in the Euro-Atlantic area.

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