



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

### **Case of Alexander Sodiqov in Tajikistan**

As delivered by Ambassador Daniel B. Baer  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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At last week's Permanent Council meeting, the United States expressed its deep concern about the detention of Alexander Sodiqov by the authorities of Tajikistan. Today, we are happy to welcome his release from pre-trial detention. We understand that there are administrative formalities to be concluded at a court hearing next month, and we urge the Government of Tajikistan to respect Mr. Sodiqov's right to due process. We look forward to the news of the closing of this case and hope that Mr. Sodiqov will be allowed to resume his studies in Canada as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.