



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

### **Statement on the Decision on the 2011 Unified Budget Proposal**

As delivered by Charge d'Affaires Carol Fuller  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We would like to thank Lithuania for its leadership of the ACMF to pass, for the second time in a row, a budget on time. The United States has joined consensus on the 2011 Unified Budget, as we believe it is extremely important to put the OSCE on a stable financial footing. Having the budget in place ensures that we can devote our attention from January onward to building on the results of the Astana Summit.

The United States would like to make the following interpretative statement.

We know that continuing years of Zero Nominal Growth has the effect of decreasing resources the OSCE needs to carry out the mandates and tasks that we, as the Permanent Council, give it, a point made frequently by fund managers and the Secretariat over the course of the budget deliberations. We had hoped to see a budget closer to the Secretary General's original proposal. At the same time, we recognize that for some participating States, tough economic choices were made to approve the budget we have before us today, and which we have approved.

Given these realities, we must ensure that the resources we contribute are used in a practical manner, and will ask the ACMF Chair to address the issue of improving the OSCE's project assessment and evaluation methodology in 2011, both in connection with the Program Budget Performance Report in spring and throughout the 2012 Unified Budget process.

The United States requests that this statement be recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.