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U.S. Delegation to 2010 OSCE Review Conference in Vienna

Dr. Michael Haltzel will lead the U.S. delegation to the Vienna portion of the OSCE Review Conference. Running from October 18 to 26, this is the second part of the three-part review conference leading up to the OSCE Summit, which will be held in Astana on December 1 and 2, 2010. The review conference is an opportunity for government representatives, international experts and non-governmental organizations to assess whether the OSCE participating States are meeting their commitments under the 1975 Helsinki Final Act.

The Vienna portion of the OSCE Review Conference will primarily focus on commitments relating to the OSCE's politico-military and economic-environmental dimensions. Topics will range from arms control and transnational threats, to energy security and good governance.

Dr. Michael Haltzel is Senior Fellow at the Center for Transatlantic Relations of Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies and Senior Advisor for Europe at the international consulting firm McLarty Associates. In June 2010, he headed the U.S. Delegation to the Copenhagen OSCE Anniversary Conference. And in September/October 2009, he led the U.S. Delegation to the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in Warsaw.

Dr. Haltzel capped a distinguished career in public service as senior foreign policy advisor (1994-2005) to Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-Delaware), Ranking Member (Chairman 2001-03) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and as Democratic Staff Director of the Subcommittee on European Affairs of the Committee. He was the lead Democratic Senate staffer on NATO and Balkan policy and, as such, was deeply involved in two rounds of NATO enlargement (1998; 2004) and in the Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo campaigns.

Dr. Haltzel went to the Senate in 1994 from the Library of Congress, where he was Chief of the European Division. From 1985 to 1992, he served as Director of West European Studies of the Woodrow Wilson Center at the Smithsonian Institution. He previously taught Russian and German History at Hamilton College (New York) and was Vice President for Academic Affairs at Longwood College (Virginia). In 1975-78, Dr. Haltzel helped launch the Aspen Institute Berlin as its first Deputy Director.

Key Members of the U.S. Delegation to the OSCE Review Conference in Vienna, October 18 to 26, 2010:

- **Michael Haltzel**, Head of Delegation
- Ambassador **Ian Kelly**, U.S. Permanent Representative to the OSCE, U.S. Mission to the OSCE, Vienna, Austria
- Ambassador **Cynthia Efirid**, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission), Washington, D.C.

- **Celeste Wallander**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia/Ukraine/Eurasia, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Washington, D.C.
- **Frank Rose**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Space and Defense Policy, Bureau of Arms Control, Verification and Compliance, Washington, D.C.
- **Carol Fuller**, Deputy Head of the U.S. Mission to the OSCE, Vienna, Austria

For information about the Review Conference: http://www.osce.org/conferences/revcon_2_2010.html

For information about the U.S. Mission to the OSCE: <http://osce.usmission.gov>

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