



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

### **Statement on Elections in the Breakaway Region of Abkhazia in Georgia**

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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Like the European Union and other participating states, the United States does not recognize the legitimacy or the results of the August 26th so-called “elections” in the Abkhazia region of Georgia. We reiterate our support for Georgia’s sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.

We again urge Russia to fulfill all of its obligations under the 2008 ceasefire agreement, including the withdrawal of forces to pre-conflict positions and free access for humanitarian assistance to the territories.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.