



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Balkans Refugee and IDP Program

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We commend the reaffirmation by Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia to work cooperatively to collectively address outstanding refugee issues in the western Balkans and to agree upon a joint program on durable solutions for refugees and internally displaced people in the region.

While the November 7 Belgrade Ministerial Review Conference on Resolving the Protracted Refugee Situation in the Western Balkans was not a pledging conference, the U.S. expressed support for this effort. As the donor conference approaches, we will determine our level of support.

The effort will also require the support of other international donors and long-term financial commitments from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia.