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Inspection of the U.S. Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

For over 30 years, the Vienna-based Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) has promoted a comprehensive approach to European and Eurasian security based on commitments to human rights, economic development, and political-military transparency. OSCE, through its component agencies and 17 field missions, has developed as an important instrument of democracy building, conflict prevention and resolution, and post-conflict rehabilitation in Europe and Eurasia. By working with OSCE, the US mission to OSCE (USOSCE) plays a central role in the U.S. transformational diplomacy effort in the Balkans and Eurasia.

The Ambassador, deputy chief of mission, and other USOSCE staff are carrying out the important work of multilateral diplomacy to promote democratic development, human rights, conflict resolution, and monitoring of arms control agreements in the still problematic Eurasian region. USOSCE's ability to maintain an activist role on behalf of democratic transitions, human rights, and conflict prevention in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe will be determined by the level of funding the U.S. government provides to OSCE. However, continued funding of OSCE at adequate levels and its sources of future funding are in question.

The monitoring of U.S.-funded projects managed by OSCE in 18 countries has been satisfactory. Improved communication between USOSCE and the Department of State offices that track these projects is needed.

USOSCE cannot carry out its mission effectively if it undergoes further staffing cuts. The expanded use of interns and eligible family members could help the mission manage its heavy workload.

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