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AMBASSADOR

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Dear Ambassador Norkus: *Renatas*

The U.S. Mission is very pleased to be able to support the Chair's extra budgetary project, "Follow-up to the Astana Summit." Our contribution is a tangible token of our pledge in Astana to lend strong support to your Chairmanship as you strive to elaborate an OSCE Plan of Action. The V to V Dialogues, with its accent on outside experts, should inject fresh ideas into our security dialogue in the OSCE.

As you know, some members of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, during the recent meeting in Vienna, raised some questions about the goals of the project, and the implementing partner. As a result, it is particularly incumbent upon us to ensure maximum transparency with, and maximum participation of, the Parliamentary Assembly in the workshops, to the extent possible and appropriate. The project emphasizes that the implementing partner will play a supporting and organizing role for the V to V Dialogues – meaning that we the participating States, along with the Secretariat, must play a firm policy guidance role in the implementation of the project, and shape its outcomes and recommendations.

This is an important project, and we are happy to help you implement it.

With best regards,

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