



**Permanent Mission of Ukraine**  
to the International Organizations in Vienna

**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine  
in response to the Presentation of the 2025 Programme Outline by the Secretary General**

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**Madam Chairperson,**

The delegation of Ukraine took note of the presented 2025 Programme Outline.

In this context, it should be stressed that russia's war defines the grave reality and existential crisis faced by the OSCE. And the budget is not an exception.

For many years in a row, russia has been using the budget to blackmail the OSCE and its participating States.

Last year we saw the unprecedented case when the very same delegation unanimously blocked the Unified Budget 2023 simply because of the wording "war against Ukraine". This wording was nothing more than a statement of facts.

However, we must not allow ourselves to be drawn into the russian games with words and prepositions.

No russia's false promises will lead us to the adoption of meaningful decisions needed to address the current challenges.

The OSCE participating states should find a way how the consensus rule should be adjusted to ensure the functioning of the OSCE given russia's brutal violations of the Helsinki Decalogue. Our actions will shape the OSCE's reputation in the future.

The OSCE top-4 leadership, the current one and the next one, should support such efforts of the OSCE participating States.

**Dear colleagues,**

Let me reiterate our position that the OSCE should be provided with sufficient fundings in order to be able to implement its mandate in the most effective way and according to the needs of people on the ground.

The programmatic activities should address the current war-related needs in line with the security mandate of the OSCE.

On a final note, I would like to reiterate our readiness to work closely with all partners to ensure that OSCE executive structures, including the main institutions, will receive the necessary funding to implement their mandated work and the OSCE able staff will be properly remunerated.

The delegation of Ukraine strongly supports all the efforts of the Maltese Chair and upcoming Finish CiO in this regard.

**Thank you, Madam Chairperson.**