



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on OSCE Representative Latvian-Military Pensioners Commission

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We wish to welcome you, Lt. Colonel Napiontek, to the Permanent Council and thank you for both your report and your work.

The issues with which the Commission deals continue to be very important, and we are happy with the progress that is being made. In working these issues, we believe it is important to promote an atmosphere of good spirit and cooperation between the Latvian authorities and ethnic Russian pensioners. We are pleased to hear that the issue of medical insurance for military pensioners has been bilaterally solved and we are interested in seeing more progress in the future.

Thank you.