



Press Statement

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Zimbabwe Impasse

The United States regrets that the six-week impasse over implementation of the September 15 power-sharing agreement for Zimbabwe was not resolved at the October 27 Southern African Development Community-hosted talks. We condemn the Mugabe regime's refusal to implement a genuine and equitable power-sharing agreement and its continued use of violence against peaceful demonstrators.

The United States shares the concern of United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon about the negative effect the impasse is having on the people of Zimbabwe, who continue to suffer terribly. The United States will continue to provide food aid and other humanitarian assistance to assist the people of Zimbabwe.

Twenty-one African leaders witnessed the signing of the power sharing agreement between the Mugabe regime and the Movement for Democratic Change. The United States calls upon these leaders to resolve the impasse between the two parties now. We urge African leaders to work with the Southern African Development Community, the African Union, and the United Nations to address the urgent needs of the Zimbabwean people.

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