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WTO General Council Approves Ukrainian Membership

The United States welcomes the February 5 action of the World Trade Organization (WTO) General Council to approve the terms of Ukraine's accession. We congratulate Ukraine on this achievement.

Ukraine's accession will represent an important milestone in its economic transformation, and its participation in the WTO will serve as an important impetus to further economic reform and integration into the global marketplace. WTO membership will facilitate expanded trade and commercial opportunities between the U.S. and Ukraine.

The United States looks forward to speedy ratification of the accession agreement by the Ukrainian parliament and full participation of Ukraine in the World Trade Organization.

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