



Press Statement

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## **Ukraine: Resolution of Political Crisis**

The U.S. welcomes the agreement reached over the weekend peacefully ending Ukraine's political crisis through pre-term parliamentary elections on September 30. We urge all parties to adhere to this agreement and we emphasize the continued importance of negotiation, compromise and peaceful dispute resolution. We look forward to fair, transparent, and democratic elections and continued progress on Ukraine's ambitious agenda of political and economic reform.

While the agreement demonstrates the resiliency of Ukrainian democracy, the need remains to clearly define the roles of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. We urge Ukraine's leaders to take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen democratic institutions to the lasting benefit of the people of Ukraine and their goal of a more united, more prosperous nation.

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