



Press Statement

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The European Union Extends Sanctions to Uzbekistan

The United States welcomes the [European Union's](#) decision to extend sanctions on Uzbekistan. We share the European Union's concern about the human rights situation in [Uzbekistan](#), and we will continue to cooperate closely with it directly and through the United Nations. Respect and dignity for human rights is essential for the future prosperity of the Uzbek people, and a necessary element of successful democratic reform.

We note the Government of Uzbekistan's proposal to engage with the EU in a regular dialogue on human rights, including discussing the Andijon events. We believe this dialogue must be results-oriented, with concrete and effective steps toward improving the human rights situation in Uzbekistan.

The United States urges Uzbekistan to engage in dialogue with the European Union and abide fully by its international commitments to continue democratic reform and respect human rights.

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