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## Upcoming Syrian Elections

The upcoming parliamentary elections set to take place in Syria on April 22, 2007, are a historic opportunity for President Assad to enact the reforms he promised when he came to power. The Syrian people have a right to an open, transparent and fully participatory political environment and process. To help move Syria from authoritarian rule, President Assad should enable full media coverage and invite independent election monitors to report the real views of the Syrian people. The United States is deeply concerned that the Syrian regime will again fail its people by not holding free and fair elections. We hope every Syrian's voice can be heard without intimidation - and we hope President Assad will listen.

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