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The United States condemns the recent violence perpetrated by government-controlled thugs, resulting in further deaths of demonstrators in Nicaragua. The Nicaraguan government must create the conditions conducive to a credible and inclusive dialogue and guarantee the safety of the participants.

We call on the Government of Nicaragua to fully implement the recommendations of the independent Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), and act upon its findings to ensure accountability and justice for human rights abuses and violations.

We are extremely concerned by the lack of progress on the national dialogue due to the government's failure to credibly engage on democratization. We urge Nicaragua's government to negotiate in good faith and return to the dialogue with an agenda to achieve a democratic future for all Nicaraguans.

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