<u>Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's</u> <u>Meeting With Ukrainian Foreign</u> <u>Minister Klimkin</u>

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Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met today with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin as part of the U.S. – Ukraine Strategic Partnership Commission. The two leaders expressed their mutual concern over Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine, occupation of Crimea, and broader efforts to undermine Ukraine's stability. Secretary Pompeo underlined America's steadfast commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. They discussed Ukraine's progress in implementing critical reforms necessary to fight corruption, strengthen the country's democratic institutions, and withstand Russian pressure. They agreed the reforms will further Ukraine's Western integration, and Secretary Pompeo pledged continued support as Ukraine moves toward a more prosperous and democratic future.

Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Minister Klimkin announced their plans for deepening cooperation through the <u>2018 U.S.-Ukraine Strategic Partnership</u> <u>Commission Joint Statement</u>.

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