## <u>Press Releases: The Post-Election</u> <u>Situation in Honduras</u>

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The United States notes that Honduras' Supreme Electoral Tribunal has declared incumbent president Juan Orlando Hernández the winner of the November 26 presidential elections.

We understand this decision triggers a five-day period, as established by Honduran law, to present any challenges to the election result. We encourage political parties to use this avenue to raise any concerns they may have.

We call for all Hondurans to refrain from violence. We urge all political parties and leaders to stress to their supporters the need to resolve their differences peacefully. It is also important the government ensure Honduran security services respect the rights of peaceful protestors.

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