Press Releases: The United States Urges Establishment of a Power-Sharing Government in Northern Ireland

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The United States regrets that the political parties in Northern Ireland have not yet reached an agreement to establish a power-sharing regional government following elections in March.

We urge the region's two largest parties, the Democratic Unionist Party and Sinn Fein, to continue their discussions with the aim of forming an effective, responsive, and representative government as soon as possible. All of Northern Ireland's political leaders share a collective responsibility to build on the political and economic progress made since the 1998 Good Friday Agreement and to construct a better, shared future for all of Northern Ireland's citizens.

The United States will continue to work with all parties in Northern Ireland as well as the UK and Irish governments to help facilitate the restoration of Northern Ireland's regional government.

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