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Statement on Nadiya Savchenko

As delivered by Ambassador Daniel B. Baer
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The United States reiterates its condemnation of Russia's continued detention of Ukrainian hostages inside Russia, including Nadiya Savchenko, a member of Ukraine's parliament. We are deeply concerned by reports that Russia has moved Ms. Savchenko to solitary confinement. We understand that Ms. Savchenko has been on a hunger strike for nearly a month to protest the terms of her detention and is suffering additional health problems. We call for Russia to release Ms. Savchenko immediately, as well as all other Ukrainian hostages it is holding.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.