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Statement by Sean McCormack, Spokesman

Peaceful Opposition Rally in Azerbaijan

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We welcome the Government of Azerbaijan's decision to permit the opposition bloc "Success" to hold demonstration in Baku on Saturday, June 4. The political rally went forward peacefully and without incident. We urge the Government of Azerbaijan to continue sanctioning public demonstrations, and to meet its other stated commitment to conduct parliamentary elections this fall that live up to international standards.