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## **Statement by Secretary Kerry Congratulating Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine on the Signing of Agreements with the European Union (June 27)**

The United States congratulates Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine on signing Association Agreements and establishing Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas with the European Union.

The agreements signed today mark a major step toward integrating these Eastern Partnership countries more closely with the European Union and realizing a Europe whole, free and at peace.

It is not just that these agreements link the EU's eastern neighbors into its single market and unlock new opportunities for trade and assistance. Today, Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine have signaled their readiness to undertake important economic and legal reforms that will make them stronger, more vibrant democracies.

We continue to support the territorial integrity of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The decision on the best path to security, prosperity, and a better future for their citizens is one that can and should be made by these sovereign nations, and by them alone. We applaud the hard work and determination that has brought them to this point, and we will continue to stand with them as they work to implement key reforms and build more prosperous, stable, and democratic societies.