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The situation in Bangladesh is of great concern to the international community. The political upheaval since 2024 has led to several challenges, which need to be addressed. The next election must not repeat past follies and all efforts must be made to ensure that it is participatory, inclusive, free and fair, and monitored by independent external observers. All sections of Bangladesh society must be part of this process and contribute to the revival of democratic institutions and their spirit and culture. The International Crime Tribunal process is underway. However, the ICT system in its present form urgently needs reforms to bring it to international standards. The trials must be transparent, fair, scrupulously adhering to law and constitution. The minority communities are under considerable pressure and need guaranteed protection from both the state and from opponents. The law enforcement mechanism is in disarray. The Rule of Law must be upheld.

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