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U.S. Embassy Statement Regarding Release of Eynulla Fatullayev:

The Embassy welcomes the release of journalist Eynulla Fatullayev.

We, together with the international community, have monitored Mr. Fatullayev's case and called for a transparent and open legal process, consistent with Azerbaijani law and international norms. President Aliyev's decision to release Mr. Fatullayev constitutes a positive signal, giving us hope for further progress on democratic reforms.

The United States remains committed to working with the government and people of Azerbaijan to seek progress on democratic reforms, including on freedom of expression.

Azerbaijan is an important partner of the United States and will reach its fullest national potential as many voices from across the society participate in debates to chart the future path.

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