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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **U.S. Embassy Statement on Rivers Re-run Elections**

The U.S. Embassy is concerned about reports of violence, including the possible targeting of electoral officials, and irregularities during re-run elections in Rivers State on March 19, 2016. We condemn the use of violence and disruptions of the democratic process. We call upon the leadership of Nigeria's political parties to urge their supporters to conduct themselves peacefully throughout the electoral process. We call on those dissatisfied to pursue a resolution of their grievances peacefully in accordance with the rule of law.

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