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Your Excellences,

In the G7 Ambassadors’ statement of November 15, 2017, we expressed our strong support for electoral reform, which will have a profound impact on long-term democratic strengthening, political stability and economic progress in Ukraine. We called for the renewal of the Central Electoral Commission (CEC) by filling the 13 expired seats and establishing a politically balanced body where all factions are represented.

The nomination in January 2018 of 14 candidates to the Central Electoral Commission marked an important step towards the renewal of this strategic institution. Now that all candidates successfully completed the internal review procedure earlier this month, we reiterate our call on you to finalise this process without delay. A rapid resolution – even one that leaves a seat temporarily vacant while a faction’s nominee is still under discussion – is important given the role that CEC members will play in preparing the 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections. We emphasise the necessity of a politically balanced Central Electoral Commission that will underpin the transparency and credibility of future electoral processes and results.

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