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Federica Mogherini meets the Speaker of Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada, Volodymyr Groysman

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Federica Mogherini, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, met with the Speaker of Verkhovna Rada, Volodymyr Groysman, this morning to discuss the situation in Ukraine as well as the ongoing work on the reform agenda.

In the discussion, they agreed that urgent way out is needed from the current political crisis, to maintain the clear and strong focus on economic and political reform process. The broader reform efforts – including on constitutional amendments on judiciary and on decentralisation - need to continue to deliver results for the benefit of the Ukrainian people. The High Representative highlighted the important role Rada is playing in the reform drive in the country, including through the adoption of several important laws related to the implementation of the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan.

The High Representative and the Speaker also stressed the need for full implementation of the Minsk Agreements.