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Ukraine Round Table Meeting to be Held on Wednesday

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A "round table" of Ukrainian politicians and civil groups will meet on Wednesday, Germany's government spokesman said, welcoming the move as a potential step towards easing the crisis after referendums on self-rule in east Ukraine did the opposite.

"We need national dialogue in Ukraine with the participation of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, or OSCE, to discuss crucial themes like decentralization, constitutional questions, constitutional reforms," spokesman Steffen Seibert told reporters at a regular government press conference on Monday.

"We welcome the fact that preparations for a round table have progressed and that on Wednesday a first round table meeting will be held," he added. A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry declined to say which groups would be involved.

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