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Ukraine Accepts ‘Interim Ceasefire’ as U.S. Resumes Intelligence Sharing and Military Aid

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Ukraine's Head of the Office of the President Andriy Yermak (R), Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Andriy Sybiga (2nd R), US Secretary of State Marco Rubio (2nd L) and US National Security Advisor Michael Waltz (L) posing at the beginning of the Ukrainian and US delegations meeting, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. **AFP PHOTO / OFFICIAL TELEGRAM CHANNEL OF THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE ANDRIY YERMAK**

Ukraine on Tuesday backed a U.S. proposal for a 30-day general ceasefire with Russia, with the United States in turn agreeing to lift restrictions on military aid and intelligence sharing, a joint statement said.

After talks in Saudi Arabia, the two sides also agreed to conclude "as soon as possible" a deal on Ukrainian minerals, the statement said.

"Ukraine expressed readiness to accept the U.S. proposal to enact an immediate, interim 30-

day ceasefire, which can be extended by mutual agreement of the parties, and which is subject to acceptance and concurrent implementation by the Russian Federation," a joint statement said after the talks.

"The United States will communicate to Russia that Russian reciprocity is the key to achieving peace," it added.

"The United States will immediately lift the pause on intelligence sharing and resume security assistance to Ukraine."

President Donald Trump shut off aid after a disastrous meeting with his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky on Feb. 28.

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