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8月8日，美国总统奥巴马在白宫就标普下调美国主权信用评级对媒体发表讲话。奥巴马说，无论评级机构给予美国信用什么评级，“市场依然确认我们的信用是世界上最安全的，我们面临的挑战是需要解决长期的赤字”。以下为讲话的英文全文：REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT State Dining Room 1:52 P.M. EDT THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon, everybody. On Friday, we learned that the United States received a downgrade by one of the credit rating agencies -- not so much because they doubt our ability to pay our debt if we make good decisions, but because after witnessing a month of wrangling over raising the debt ceiling, they doubted our political system ' s ability to act. The markets, on the other hand, continue to believe our credit status is AAA. In fact, Warren Buffett, who knows a thing or two about good investments, said, "If there were a quadruple-A rating, I ' d give the United States that." I, and most of the world ' s investors, agree。 That doesn ' t mean we don ' t have a problem. The fact is, we didn ' t need a rating agency to tell us that we need a balanced, long-term approach to deficit reduction. That was true last week. That was true last year. That was true the day I took office. And we didn ' t need a rating agency to tell us that the gridlock in Washington over the last several months has not been constructive, to say the least. We knew from the outset that a prolonged debate over the debt ceiling -- a debate where the

threat of default was used as a bargaining chip -- could do enormous damage to our economy and the world ' s. That threat, coming after a string of economic disruptions in Europe, Japan and the Middle East, has now roiled the markets and dampened consumer confidence and slowed the pace of recovery. So all of this is a legitimate source of concern. But here ' s the good news: Our problems are imminently solvable. And we know what we have to do to solve them. With respect to debt, our problem is not confidence in our credit -- the markets continue to reaffirm our credit as among the world ' s safest. Our challenge is the need to tackle our deficits over the long term. Last week, we reached an agreement that will make historic cuts to defense and domestic spending. But there ' s not much further we can cut in either of those categories. What we need to do now is combine those spending cuts with two additional steps: tax reform that will ask those who can afford it to pay their fair share and modest adjustments to health care programs like Medicare. Making these reforms doesn ' t require any radical steps. What it does require is common sense and compromise. There are plenty of good ideas about how to achieve long-term deficit reduction that doesn ' t hamper economic growth right now. Republicans and Democrats on the bipartisan fiscal commission that I set up put forth good proposals. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate ' s Gang of Six came up with some good proposals. John Boehner and I came up with some good proposals when we came close to agreeing on a grand bargain. So it ' s not a lack of plans or policies that ' s the problem here. It ' s a lack of political will in Washington. It ' s the

insistence on drawing lines in the sand, a refusal to put what 's best for the country ahead of self-interest or party or ideology. And that 's what we need to change。 I realize that after what we just went through, there 's some skepticism that Republicans and Democrats on the so-called super committee, this joint committee that 's been set up, will be able to reach a compromise, but my hope is that Friday 's news will give us a renewed sense of urgency. I intend to present my own recommendations over the coming weeks on how we should proceed. And that committee will have this administration 's full cooperation. And I assure you, we will stay on it until we get the job done。 Of course, as worrisome as the issues of debt and deficits may be, the most immediate concern of most Americans, and of concern to the marketplace as well, is the issue of jobs and the slow pace of recovery coming out of the worst recession in our lifetimes。 相关推荐：#0000ff>奥巴马发表关于美国财政状况的讲话 #0000ff>克林顿与奥巴马向海外美国人发表2011国庆节致辞 #0000ff>奥巴马宣布本拉登死亡演讲全文 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com