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**Partners: Yuri Lutsenko, left, Yulia Tymoshenko and Vyacheslav Kyrylenko after the initialling of a coalition agreement.** Picture: Reuters

# Orange believers have the numbers

Parties linked to Ukraine's "Orange Revolution", which swept President Viktor Yushchenko to power, initialled an agreement this week to form a post-election coalition in Parliament and a government.

The "orange" coalition is all but certain to propose that former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko, head of the biggest "orange" group in the assembly, be restored to the job to which she was appointed three years ago.

Endorsement of the coalition took place after officials announced the final results from a parliamentary election giving two "orange" parties a wafer-thin majority of 228 seats, two more than

needed for a majority in the 450-member chamber.

Vyacheslav Kyrylenko, head of the pro-presidential Our Ukraine party, also initialled the agreement.

Yuri Lutsenko, head of the allied People's Self-Defence group which ran in tandem with Our Ukraine, was present, though he did not put his name to the document. "Power has changed hands in Ukraine and we have achieved the result we had hoped for," Ms Tymoshenko said after the brief ceremony.

Mr Yushchenko appointed Ms Tymoshenko prime minister of his first government after taking office in the aftermath of weeks of "orange" protests against election fraud in 2004. But she was sacked within eight months.