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Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the United States and appreciates its comprehensive overview of the human rights policy and practices of the United States.

We observe that the promotion and protection of human rights in the United States is fully ensured both in institutional and practical terms. Also, we acknowledge its efforts to raise public awareness of human rights throughout the country and the world. In the hope that the government of the United States will continue to carry forward in promoting and protecting universal human rights, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations.

1. To continue to exert efforts to ratify major international human rights instruments particularly including the CEDAW and the CRC.
2. To consider the establishment of an independent national human rights institution.
3. To enhance further cooperation with human rights mechanisms including issuing a standing invitation to special procedures and providing full access to the Special Rapporteur on Torture.
4. To put forward continued efforts in raising awareness and working towards addressing issues related to racial discrimination.

Thank you. Mr. President. /End/