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**UPR22/United States of America**  
**Statement by Slovakia**  
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Mr President,

We would like to express our appreciation to the delegation of the United States for the presentation of the national report. The United States belongs among global players in promoting democracy and human rights worldwide. We recognize the significant contribution of the US Government to this end.

While welcoming the human rights guarantees provided by domestic legislation, we believe that national legislation would become more effective by incorporating standards and principles established by international human rights treaties, in particular with regard to the most vulnerable groups such as women, children and persons with disabilities.

We recognize the application of a moratorium on the use of the death penalty on an ad hoc basis by the federal government and encourage applying this approach at state level as well.

Slovakia would like to make two recommendations to the Government of the United States:

- 1. Take necessary steps to introduce a moratorium on the use of the death penalty at federal and state levels.**
- 2. Improve the protection of children at national level by ratifying the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols.**

Thank you.