



Statement delivered by South Africa
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Review of the United States of America
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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of the United States led by H.E Mr Harper and the presentation of its National Report.

South Africa is encouraged by the commitment in implementing the country's human rights obligations as expressed in its comprehensive National Report.

This includes measures on addressing violence against women; human rights education; advancing the rights of indigenous peoples and human trafficking.

South Africa further recognizes the challenges that lie ahead and we encourage the USA to implement the recommendations of the first Review. We further recommend the following:

1. To heighten efforts to promote non-discrimination of any kind, including discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity;
2. To undertake measures to combat racial discrimination, including adoption of a National Action Plan to Combat Racial Discrimination as recommended by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; and
3. While recognizing economic, social and cultural measures, to strengthen efforts in ensuring equal access to healthcare and social service programmes and to consider ratification of the ICESCR; and
4. To ratify the CEDAW and CRPD as a matter of priority.

We wish the USA a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.