



**Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on the  
United States of America**

*Delivered by Counsellor Ms Anna Jakenberg Brinck,  
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**Mr President,**

Sweden welcomes the delegation from the United States to the UPR and thanks it for the presentation of the national report.

Sweden recommends the US to introduce a national moratorium on the death penalty aiming at complete abolition and to take all necessary measures to ensure that the death penalty complies with minimum standards under international law. People with mental illness should be exempted from execution. The US should commit to ensure that the origin of drugs being used is made public.

Sweden further recommends the US to take affirmative steps to ensure that individuals' religious refusals are regulated to conform with international human rights standards that protect sexual and reproductive rights and the rights to equality and non-discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Sweden recommends the US government to halt the detention of immigrant families and children, seek alternatives to detention and end use of detention for reason of deterrence.

To conclude, Sweden recommends the United States to ratify the International Convention on the Rights of the Child."