**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of Chad**

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Thank you, Madam Vice President.

The United States welcomes the delegation from Chad.

We are encouraged by Chad’s release of most individuals detained following the October 2022 demonstrations and the revocation of the arrest warrant of notable political opposition figures. Acknowledging the November amnesty, we remain concerned by the lack of investigations into violence against protestors by state actors and reports of detainees being subjected to torture and inhuman conditions.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we recommend that Chad:

1. End the arbitrary detention and arrest of opposition and civil society actors; investigate reports of torture and abuses of those detained; and prosecute those responsible.
2. Include opposition and civil society leaders in developing the institutional and legal framework for organization and oversight of national elections to ensure the remaining stages of the political transition are open and democratic.
3. Improve enforcement of grazing regulations and end impunity for abuses committed in farmer-herder conflicts by those affiliated with political elites.

I thank you.