**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of Cambodia,**

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Thank you, Madame Vice President.

The United States welcomes the delegation from Cambodia.

We urge Cambodia to fully respect civil and political rights and to restore multi-party democracy.

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

1. Repeal election law amendments that unduly restrict political participation and limit the exercise of freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly, and association.
2. Ensure pending draft laws are revised to comply with Cambodia’s international human rights obligations before they are enacted, including the laws on Cybercrime, Cybersecurity and Access to Information.
3. Cease judicial harassment of civil society and independent media, and release those unjustly detained for exercising their human rights and fundamental freedoms, including Kem Sokha [*KUHM soh-KAAH*] and Seng Theary [*sang TEAR-ree*].
4. Investigate and prosecute traffickers and officials who are complicit in forced labor and online scam operations and provide victims with support.

I thank you.