**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of New Zealand**

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**As delivered by Kelly Billingsley**

* Thank you, Mr. President.
* The United States welcomes the delegation from New Zealand led by the Honorable Paul Goldsmith, Minister of Justice.
* We commend New Zealand for its efforts to promote respect for the rights of LGBTQI+ persons, including the 2022 passage of a bill to outlaw conversion therapy, and for ratifying the *2014 ILO Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention*.
* In the spirit of constructive engagement, we recommend that New Zealand:
1. Develop and implement new policies to address societal discrimination against Indigenous persons and individuals belonging to ethnic minority groups.
2. Engage in efforts to eliminate forced labor in supply chains.
3. Increase efforts to proactively investigate and prosecute sex and labor trafficking cases and seek adequate penalties for convicted traffickers.
* I thank you.