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

**37th Session, January 19, 2021**

The United States welcomes the delegation from Nauru. We recommend Nauru:

1. Reduce restrictions on the media in order to promote freedom of expression, and allow foreign journalists to operate without barriers;

1. Increase government transparency by implementing a law on access to public information; and

1. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

The United States commends Nauru for working to decrease the number of individuals held at immigration facilities and asks that it continue this effort. The United States applauds Nauru for decriminalizing consensual adult same-sex sexual activity since its last review. We look forward to supporting Nauru’s efforts to more fully protect the human rights of LGBTI persons.