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

**38th Session, May 2021**

The United States warmly welcomes the Seychellois delegation to the UPR working group.

We recommend that Seychelles:

1. Enforce laws criminalizing gender-based violence, including domestic abuse, and train police in appropriately handling sexual assault cases.

2. Vigorously investigate and prosecute human trafficking crimes, sentence convicted traffickers to adequate penalties, proactively identify trafficking victims and refer them to appropriate care, and finalize, adopt, and implement a national action plan to combat all forms of trafficking.

3. Increase penalties, resources, inspections, and remediation for all forms of forced or compulsory labor, as well as the worst forms of child labor.

We greatly commend Seychelles’ October 2020 election, in which the former president immediately accepted the election results, conceded to an opposition candidate, and supported a peaceful and smooth transfer of power.