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

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The United States warmly welcomes the delegation from Solomon Islands.

We recommend that Solomon Islands:

1. Enhance the protection of children from abuse, including sex trafficking, child pornography, forced marriages, and forced labor and domestic servitude;

1. Develop, enact, and implement comprehensive anti-human trafficking legislation; fully implement the 2020-2025 National Action Plan on Human Trafficking; and ratify the 2000 United Nations Trafficking in Persons Protocol;

1. Conduct credible investigations into, and impose and enforce criminal penalties for, government corruption through operationalizing the 2018 Independent Commission against Corruption.

We commend Solomon Islands for its free and fair national elections in 2019, and for taking steps to meet its international human rights obligations and commitments.  However, we remain concerned by the continued physical and sexual violence against women, and lack of protection for the equal rights of women across the economic and political sectors of society.