**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of Papua New Guinea,**

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The United States welcomes the delegation from Papua New Guinea.

We recommend Papua New Guinea:

1. Investigate acts of gender-based violence, including domestic violence and sexual violence, and prosecute and punish the perpetrators;

1. Investigate and prosecute reports of mistreatment by the police, including  torture, excessive use of force, arbitrary or unlawful detention and killings, and sexual violence;

1. Decriminalize consensual sexual relations between men and strengthen protections from societal violence and discrimination for LGBTQI+ persons.

We commend Papua New Guinea’s commitment to advance protections for human rights.