**U.S. Statement at Haiti’s Third Universal Periodic Review**

**As delivered by Delaney Felker, Human Rights Affairs**

The United States welcomes the Haitian delegation to Geneva.

We extend our condolences to the victims of the December 14 fuel tanker explosion in Cap Haitien, the August 14 earthquake, and Tropical Storm Grace and will continue to support relief efforts.

We remain concerned about the killings and kidnappings by gangs, unlawful and prolonged pretrial detention, and a poorly functioning judiciary subject to corruption and outside influence. The United States calls on the government to ensure free and fair elections in Haiti when conditions permit.

We recommend Haiti:

1. Allocate additional resources to increase case processing and reduce the length of pretrial detention.
2. Ensure accountability for human rights abuses, strengthen the rule of law, and break the pervasive cycle of impunity.
3. Bring perpetrators of crime to justice, including those responsible for the assassination of President Moïse, and for the Bel Air, Cité Soleil, Grand Ravine, and La Saline attacks.

Thank you.