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

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**Delivered by Ambassador Michèle Taylor**

Thank you, Mr. President.

The United States welcomes the delegation of Argentina and congratulates Argentina on its successful presidency of the Human Rights Council last year.

We commend Argentina on its continuing efforts to address hundreds of criminal cases related to atrocities committed under the military dictatorship from 1976 to 1983.

We recommend that Argentina:

1. Appoint a head of the Office of the Ombudsman to ensure it will document and investigate government misconduct and protect human rights, including women’s access to human rights.
2. Improve conditions at penitentiaries by addressing instances of overcrowding, poor medical care, and unsanitary conditions.
3. Pass a national law on Indigenous communal ownership of traditional lands.

We wish Argentina a successful UPR. I thank you.