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

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The United States warmly welcomes the Senegalese delegation.

The United States welcomes Senegal’s efforts to promote and defend human rights, especially in advancements it has made concerning the rights of women and children.

Bearing that in mind, we recommend that Senegal:

1. Commit sufficient funding to the ongoing campaign against forced child begging and investigate, arrest, and prosecute all individuals who violate the anti-trafficking law.
2. Decriminalize consensual same sex sexual relations between adults, investigate violence perpetrated against members of the LGBTI community, and end arbitrary arrests of individuals suspected of consensual same sex activity.
3. Remove undue restrictions on fundamental freedoms, including bans on peaceful demonstrations and the criminalization of inflammatory speech.

The United States also remains concerned over the ongoing practice of exploitation of children in human trafficking; limitations on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly; and continued violence against members of the LGBTI community.