**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review for Qatar,**

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The United States welcomes the delegation from Qatar to the UPR Working Group.

We recommend that Qatar:

1. Commit to a timeline for abolishing exit permit requirements for domestic workers and for abolishing the No Objection Certificate requirement to change jobs for all workers.
2. Amend the law to allow children of Qatari women married to foreign spouses to receive Qatari citizenship if they so choose.
3. Designate additional plots of land for use as places of worship for faith groups which formally request it.

We commend Qatar’s accession to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in May 2018 and the passage of the Law on the Regulation of Political Asylum and look forward to their full implementation. We appreciate the ongoing partnership between the United States and Qatar to improve conditions for workers and look forward to continued progress under our bilateral Memorandum of Understanding on labor issues.