**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of Bosnia and Herzegovina,**

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The United States welcomes the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the UPR Working Group.

We recommend that Bosnia and Herzegovina:

1. Revise current laws governing the right to peaceful assembly through the removal of blanket bans on certain venues and criminal penalties for organizers who fail to fulfill administrative procedures.
2. Investigate allegations of criminal acts against journalists, and hold accountable those responsible, including with respect to acts of intimidation or reprisal against journalists and media outlets.
3. Improve human rights training and accountability for prison officials.

We are deeply concerned by the government’s reported harsh treatment of and the potential excessive use of force against individuals peacefully expressing dissent.