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

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The United States welcomes the delegation of Armenia to the UPR Working Group.

The United States recommends that Armenia:

1. Conduct credible investigations and prosecutions of individuals responsible for torture, sexual violence and abuse, and other egregious assaults.
2. Adopt a strong anti-discrimination law with robust enforcement mechanisms protecting members of *all* minorities.
3. Establish transparent processes for the nomination, appointment, and disciplining of judges and the termination of their powers based on international standards and distribute court cases in a proportional manner to ensure a balanced workload for judges.

We applaud the reinstatement of the labor inspection functions of the Health and Labor Inspection Body and urge the government to provide the inspectorate the resources needed to realize its new functions. We also applaud the government’s emphasis on ensuring the independence and impartiality of the judiciary in its new judicial reform strategy.