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

**35th Session, January 29, 2020**

The United States welcomes the Guyanese delegation to the UPR working group.

The United States recommends that Guyana:

1. Immediately implement reforms to strengthen electoral procedures and enhance the independence of electoral authorities in order to ensure the March 2020 elections are free, fair, transparent, and credible.
2. Repeal the laws that criminalize LGBTI status or conduct, including sections 351 to 353 of the Guyana Criminal Law Offences Act.
3. Strengthen enforcement of all labor laws by increasing the number of labor inspections and imposing penalties sufficient to deter violations.

The United States is concerned about recent actions by Guyana that may undermine democratic principles, including apparent misapplication of the Guyanese constitution, and certain court rulings.