**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of Kenya,
35th Session, January 23, 2020**

The United States welcomes the Kenyan delegation.

We recommend that Kenya:

1. Investigate thoroughly credible allegations of violations of human rights by security forces, hold perpetrators to account, and improve measures to provide redress to victims.
2. Implement the Public Benefit Organizations Act, ensuring any amendments to the Act promote a transparent framework for NGOs to operate freely, and the Access to Information Act to increase transparency and accessibility of public information.
3. Repeal articles 162, 165, and 181 of the penal code that criminalize LGBTI status, conduct, and/or expression.

We look forward to working together to strengthen cooperation on issues related to shared democratic values, and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and accountability for human rights violations and abuses. This includes supporting freedoms of expression and association, and supporting a vibrant and independent press, a robust and engaged civil society, a government that is accountable to its citizens, and an independent and effective judiciary.