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# Review of the United States of America

# Recommendations from Sweden

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Madam President

Sweden thanks the United States of America for its engagement in the UPR. Sweden acknowledges the abolishment or moratorium of the capital punishment in 25 states and finds this encouraging. However, the resumption of executions at Federal level is a matter of concern and a step in the wrong direction. Similarly, Sweden is concerned that a decrease in the commitment by the United States of America to the UN human rights system and its mechanisms weakens the system.

Sweden would therefore like to make the following recommendations:

1. Introduce a moratorium on the use of death penalty at Federal level as a first step towards its abolition.
2. Reconsider its position and reverse the measures it has taken against the International Criminal Court and its staff.

Thank you