

UNITES STATES OF AMERICA STATEMENT ON INTER-SESSIONAL MEETING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Thank you, Madam Vice President, for giving me the floor.

The United States reaffirms its support for the mandates of both the HRC and OHCHR to provide technical assistance and capacity building on the full range of human rights: civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights.

We also reaffirm our support for the various mechanisms used to provide such support, including the UPR, the Special Procedures, UN Country Teams, and meetings like the one we are having now, both during and outside of HRC sessions.

It is important that these various forms of technical assistance and capacity building be solidly rooted in the full respect and protection of all human rights, which are universal, indivisible, and interdependent. At the same time, different countries or regions face different unique challenges, and we encourage OHCHR to tailor its assistance to help countries overcome these various challenges.

For its part, the United States will welcome in a few days a visit by the Independent Expert Mechanism to Advance Racial Justice and Equality in the context of Law Enforcement, as part of our commitment to addressing racial inequality and injustice in our country.

More broadly, we firmly believe that technical assistance and capacity building must be accompanied by independent OHCHR monitoring and reporting, to ensure that assistance is well designed and addresses key issues.

In this regard, we warmly welcome the involvement of civil society early and often in prioritizing and designing assistance, as two speakers already mentioned.

Lastly, we encourage OHCHR to monitor and evaluate its own programming to ensure that it is achieving tangible results, including through the active support and participation of the country involved.

I thank you.