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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of the United States and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

A number of UN treaty bodies have expressed their concerns on the problems related to the torture and ill-treatment in places of detention, discrimination, racism, police brutality, gun violence, and right to privacy.

In 2014, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights expressed concern at the disproportionate number of young African Americans who had died in encounters with police officers, or who were in prisons and on death row.

In the light of above-mentioned concerns we recommend the United States:

1. Prohibit racial discrimination and racist hate speech, as well as broaden the protection afforded by law;
2. Eliminate the practice of racial profiling and surveillance by law enforcement officials;
3. Prevent torture and ill-treatment in places of detention and to put an end to the practice of secret detention;
4. Prevent the continued police brutality and excessive use of force by law enforcement officials, as well as analyse and eliminate its concrete reasons;
5. Eliminate gun violence;
6. Impose at least moratorium on death penalty;
7. Fully respect and protect the right to privacy.

Thank you.