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**Written statement* submitted by Organization for Defending
Victims of Violence, a non-governmental organization in
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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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The United States of America Universal Periodic Review

Concerning the human rights situation in the United States of America, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV) encourages the country to make efforts in the following areas:

- Consider ratifying the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, the Arms Trade Treaty and the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.
- Review in depth the national migration policy as well as its Executive Order on Muslim majority countries.
- Strengthen human rights education programs and training for law enforcement and immigration officers, and combat the impunity against abuses against migrants.
- Halt the detention of immigrant families and children and seek alternatives to detention.
- Take necessary measures to combat discriminatory practices against black people in all aspects of life such as education, health care, employment etc.
- Take serious legal, social, political and cultural steps to prevent harassment and violence against people of race by the police force and state officials.
- Seriously respect human rights obligations including the right to freedom of expression and freedom of assembly and avoid suppressing journalists during national protests.
- Improve legislation towards a genuine gender equality and promote actions to eradicate sexual and domestic violence.
- Design national programs to reduce hate crimes, xenophobia and Islamophobia in the country.
- Seriously avoid unilateralism and stop extensive violation of international law and human rights law by unilateral sanctions imposed on sanctioned countries that affect the economies, industry and health section.
- Make serious efforts to combat local white supremacist terrorists instead of spreading false and discriminatory ideas about threat of Muslims and migrants.
- Halt the notorious targeted killings in other countries under the guise of countering terrorism.
- Deeply study counter terrorism law and practices to avoid human rights violations while combatting the threats.
- Close the Guantánamo Bay detention centre and stop using torture and inhuman treatments against detainees.
- Rejoin the Paris Agreement and fulfil its commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- Stop arming Saudi Coalition in Yemen conflict.