



**Item 9: Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

**Racism in the US**

**Mr. President,**

ODVV expresses its deepest regrets over the continuous historical, systemic and institutional racism in the United States' which is reflected in the use of excessive force by the police and has led to the recent national uprising against the discriminatory policies. We believe that the systematic and historical racism, reinforces the continued police impunity, making the people of colour unequally suffer from injustice in the United States.

Expressing gratitude to the recent joint statements by the United Nations mandate holders on recent racial developments in the United States, ODVV calls on the Special Rapporteur to:

- Continue public condemnation of systemic racism in the country.
- Make the best of all his capacities and tools at hand to reduce the sufferings of African Americans and to urge the US authorities to terminate the “systemic ideology of racism” against people of color.
- Urge the US administration to implement the recommendations offered by the Committee on Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination<sup>1</sup> to which the US is a party.

**Mr. President,**

ODVV echoes the demand expressed by the UN Special Rapporteurs<sup>2</sup> on “launching independent investigations and ensuring accountability in all cases of excessive use of force by the police” in the US and is seriously concerned by the continued impunity of the Police staff who resort to violence against the people of African descent.

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<sup>1</sup> CERD/C/USA/CO/7-9

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=25933&LangID=E>