

**UN Human Rights Council 12<sup>th</sup> Session  
Item 6 Consideration of UPR Reports  
Adoption of the Report of the UPR Working Group on Yemen  
Statement by the Delegation of the United States  
Geneva, September 24, 2009**

Thank you, Mr. President,

The United States welcomes the Government of Yemen's efforts to address discrimination and violence against women.

However, the United States notes the concern documented in the Working Group report by a number of delegations about attacks and threats against journalists, and the negative impact this has on freedom of expression in Yemen. The United States appreciates Yemen's expressed commitment to take necessary measures to ensure full enjoyment of press freedom.

Finally, the United States supports the recommendations in the Working Group report with respect to religious minorities, and the need for full protection of their rights under the law and in practice.

Thank you, Mr. President.