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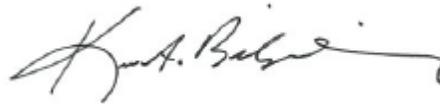
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Dear Mandate Holders,

Please find enclosed the U.S. response to your communication dated May 16, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Billingsley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kelly Billingsley
Deputy Permanent Representative
Human Rights

U.S. response to joint communication OL USA 13/2024 regarding the DEFIANCE ACT of 2024

Thank you for your letter dated 16 May 2024 regarding the DEFIANCE Act. The United States takes seriously its obligations under international human rights law, including with respect to women, both online and offline. That said, we are unable to comment on proposed legislation from Congress that has yet to be passed and enacted into law.