## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CANDIDATE FOR 2013-2015 UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

"In 2009, the United States joined the Human Rights Council because President Obama and I believed we could make a difference by working with you on the inside rather than standing on the outside merely as a critic... Together, we can and must help this Council live up to its mission and ensure that it plays a constructive role in the days and months ahead. We will face new problems and new challenges, but if we have a firm foundation rooted in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we will chart a steady course."

 United States Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton Geneva, Switzerland, February 28, 2011 "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."

-Article I, Universal Declaration of Human Rights