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African Descent  
Freedom of opinion and expression  
Sexual orientation and gender identity  
Violence against women  
Women and girls | Information received concerning allegations of incidents of political violence against Afro-Brazilian women, particularly transgender Afro-Brazilian women, in Brazil. |
| **United States of America** 14 Oct 2021 | Racism  
African Descent  
Migrants | Title 42 is reported to particularly harm women, children, families and LGBTQI+ migrants, due to their vulnerability to intolerance, exclusion and violence based on racial and gender identity. Please detail the measures that the Government has taken to provide gender-responsive protection to Haitian women and LGBTQI+ individuals. |
| **United States of America** 16 Oct 2020 | Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association  
African Descent  
Arbitrary Detention  
Executions  
Freedom of opinion and expression  
Toxics and human rights  
Health  
Racism  
Torture | In New York, an eighteen-year-old transgender woman was forcibly detained by police officers and placed in an unmarked vehicle during a demonstration denouncing police brutality. She was later charged with criminal mischief for damaging police cameras and making graffiti. |
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| African descent | Extrajudicial executions | Killing of Marielle Franco and her driver on 14 March 2018. Franco was an Afro-Brazilian human rights defender working for the rights of women, people of African descent, LGBT people, young people in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro and socially excluded communities. She identified herself as a woman, as a feminist, as black, as favelada, as bisexual and as married to another woman. |
| Foreign debt | Housing | |
| Human rights defenders | Poverty | |
| Racism | SOGI | |
| Violence against women | Women in law and in practice | |