



THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN GENEVA

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Justice Yvonne Mokogoro
Chairperson of the Independent Expert Mechanism to advance racial justice and equality in law
enforcement
Geneva, Switzerland

Alice Edwards
Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
Geneva, Switzerland

Morris Tidball-Binz
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions

Dear Madam Chairwoman and Special Rapporteurs:

Please find enclosed the U.S. response to your letter dated February 08, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Billingsley".

Kelly Billingsley
Deputy Permanent Representative
Human Rights

U.S. Response to UN Chairperson of the International Expert Mechanism to Advance Racial Justice and Equality in Law Enforcement

Dear EMLER Chairperson and Special Rapporteurs:

Thank you for your letters dated February 2, 2023, and February 8, 2023, requesting information regarding the cases of Keenan Anderson and Tyre Nichols.

The United States remains committed to advancing racial equity and justice in law enforcement and all portions of our government. The Biden-Harris administration is committed to doing everything in its power to ensure our criminal justice systems live up to the promise of fair and impartial justice, equal treatment, and dignity for all. Shortly after the deeply painful and horrific death of Tyre Nichols, President Biden signed an executive order (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/05/25/executive-order-on-advancing-effective-accountable-policing-and-criminal-justice-practices-to-enhance-public-trust-and-public-safety/>) that mandated stricter use of force standards and accountability provisions for federal law enforcement, as well as measures to strengthen accountability at the state and local levels.

We take seriously deaths that occur to people in custody of law enforcement. Tyre Nichols' and Keenan Anderson's deaths are painful reminders of the fear and trauma that Black and Brown Americans experience every day. We are committed to equal protection under the law. As the Department of Justice continues to carry out its review of these matters, we plan to share any pertinent details of that information with you.

Thank you once again for your correspondence. We are grateful for the work you do across the globe to promote respect for human rights.