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the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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Mme. President,

My delegation welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United Kingdom and thanks H.E. Lord McNally, Minister of State, Minister of Justice for his presentation.

We appreciate the commitment of the UK to the promotion of human rights as well as its engagement in the UPR process.

We commend the ratification by the UK of two HR instruments since the last review, namely the CRPD and the OP CRC on the sale of children.

We note the steps undertaken to implement the accepted recommendations, particularly the efforts to reduce the high rate of young people in custody as well as the new restraint system due on 2012 on the use of painful techniques in under-18 secure establishments.

However, we reiterate our call to adhere to the The Convention on Migrant Workers.

We echo the concern expressed by the Committee on economic, social and cultural rights (CESCR) about the wage gap between men and women.

We are concerned about the fact that the provisions of the earlier Race Relations Act of 2000, which permit public officials to discriminate on grounds of nationality, ethnic and national origin, have been replicated in the Equality Act 2010.

We recommend that UK:

- 1. Consider withdrawing the country's interpretative declaration on article 4 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), as recommended by the CERD as well as to take measures aiming at eliminating racial discrimination, incitement or racial hatred.**
- 2. Take measures to address the existing wage gap between men and women.**

Thank you.