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the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
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Madam President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland headed by H.E. Lord McNally, Minister of State and extends our appreciation over UK's commitment to safeguard the promotion and protection of human rights as clearly outlined in their national report.

My delegation further extends its appreciation that such a commitment does not stop at its national borders but is carried over into regional and global scope through UK's foreign policy, including the choosing of human rights as the overarching theme of its Chairmanship in the Council of Europe.

Madam President,

Indonesia commends the many positive elements achieved by UK in the promotion of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights as stipulated in the report.

My delegation notes positively the efforts taken by the government of UK in the promotion of equality, including through the implementation of the Equality Act 2010 which aims to consolidate anti-discrimination laws in Britain, the promotion of good practices of tackling hate crimes at an international level, and also the promotion of interfaith dialogue to encourage interfaith discourse and good relations.

Noting the need to continue efforts in these important areas, **we therefore recommend that the UK Government continue stepping up its efforts in tackling discrimination and inequality for all its citizens.**

Madame President,

My delegation also takes note with appreciation steps taken by UK in the promotion of women rights, including efforts to ensure gender equality through the adoption of cross-Government Equality Strategy called Building a Fairer Britain, the establishment of Women's Business Council and the provision of £2

million budget to support women setting up and expanding their businesses in rural areas; as well as the setting up of a Commission on Violence against Women. **We recommend the British authorities to continue such efforts.**

To conclude, Madam President, Indonesia would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of human rights for all its people.

Thank you.