

United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland National Statement

Universal Periodic Review – Ghana

Thank you Madame President,

The United Kingdom welcomes the Ghanaian delegation and acknowledges the emphasis given by the Ghanaian government to human rights issues. This is evident in their contribution to this Council and other international human rights mechanisms, and the three reports provided as a basis for this review.

As noted in their national report, Ghana's Constitution guarantees fundamental human rights and freedoms including civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights.

We welcome the steps that Ghana is taking to address human rights issues and to implement most of the UN human rights treaties. As with other countries, there are some areas where more work is required to improve implementation. We would welcome progress towards the

abolition of the death-penalty, as well as progress towards eliminating discrimination against disabled people, which continues to be an issue.

We have two **recommendations**:

- That the Government put to an early referendum all recommendations of the Constitutional Review Commission approved by the Government that require changes to the Constitution, including the removal of the death penalty.
- That the Government speed up its implementation of the 2006 Persons with Disability Act.

Thank you Madame President.