



United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland
National Statement

Universal Periodic Review – Cape Verde

Thank you Mr President,

The United Kingdom welcomes the delegation of Cape Verde and acknowledges Cape Verde's progress on human rights since its 2008 Universal Periodic Review.

We welcome the Government's continued commitment to address human rights issues and urge the Government of Cape Verde to implement its outstanding accepted UPR recommendations as soon as possible.

We are encouraged by the steps taken by the Government to ratify eight United Nations human right treaties and five optional protocols.

We welcome, in particular, the Government of Cape Verde's signing of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture in 2011.

We have two **recommendations**:

1. We **recommend** that the Government ratifies the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture (OPCAT) and works towards the establishment of a national preventive mechanism in line with the Optional Protocol.
2. We **recommend** that the Government ratifies the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and establishes national legislation to implement its provisions and obligations.

Thank you, Mr President.