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## United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Statement

### Universal Periodic Review – Central African Republic

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Thank you Mr President,

The UK thanks the Central African Republic for its participation in the Universal Periodic Review Process. However, the UK is alarmed at the extremely grave human rights situation in CAR, which has worsened significantly through 2013.

We are particularly concerned about continuing reports of the recruitment of child soldiers and of violence against civilians, including unlawful killings and sexual violence. The primary responsibility for the protection of civilians lies with CAR's National Transitional Council (NTC). It must work to end the culture of impunity so that those guilty of human rights abuses are brought to justice. The NTC must also work towards the restoration of constitutional government through elections in early 2015.

We would make the following **recommendations**:

- The NTC should work with international partners to establish a CAR-owned security force that can ensure the long term protection of CAR's population from attacks by individuals and groups.
- The NTC should work to establish a functioning justice system. This should be based on an independent police force and judiciary, whose jurisdiction should include all human rights abuses committed by individuals associated with Seleka.