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United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Statement

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Thank you Mr President,

The UK welcomes the New Zealand delegation to Geneva. We commend New Zealand's commitment to human rights. New Zealand deserves its international reputation as an equal and safe society.

[We thank the delegation for their answers to the UK's advance questions/ ~~We look forward to hearing the delegation's answers to the UK's advance questions during this session.~~]

Internationally, New Zealand continues to proactively engage with human rights initiatives and takes its humanitarian obligations seriously.

We commend New Zealand for recognising the problem of domestic violence and note the measures in place to address the issue.

The Government has also acknowledged that racial discrimination remains in New Zealand and has indicated its desire to tackle this unacceptable issue.

Furthermore, New Zealand has made efforts to address the continuing social and economic disparities experienced by indigenous groups.

In follow-up to our recommendations of the previous cycle, we have **two recommendations**:

1. First, that New Zealand improves the monitoring and evaluation of domestic violence prevention programmes and agencies.
2. Second, that New Zealand takes further steps to fully understand the causes of inequality faced by indigenous people and to minimize their effects.

Thank you Mr President.