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## United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Statement

### Universal Periodic Review – Egypt November 2014

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We welcome Egypt's national report, the Government's stated commitment to protect the rights within the 2014 Constitution and the finalisation of the fact-finding commission. We look forward to its promised publication.

But we remain very concerned at the human rights situation, in particular the numbers of detainees in pre-trial detention, including reports of mistreatment; use of mass trials; trial irregularities; retention of the death penalty; restrictions on Freedom of Expression; legislation limiting Freedom of Assembly and the decreasing space in which civil society and the media can operate.

#### Recommendations:

1. Ensure full implementation of the Constitution's provisions for the free operation of civil society in Egypt, including through a revised NGO law that conforms to international standards and protects freedom of expression.
2. Complete the National Strategy on Violence against Women with a clear, credible implementation plan and invites the Special Rapporteur for Violence against Women to visit Egypt.