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## United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland National Statement

### Universal Periodic Review – Madagascar November 2014

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Thank you, Mr President.

The United Kingdom welcomes Madagascar's engagement with the Universal Periodic Review process. We are pleased by positive progress in several areas since the return of Madagascar to democracy, including movement on the draft National Law Against Trafficking, and the Ministry of Justice's joint ten-year plan with the Anti-Corruption Office (BIANCO) to fight corruption.

Whilst encouraged by Madagascar's commitments in these areas, we note that Madagascar has yet to ratify both the African Union's Maputo Protocol on the Protection of Women and SADC's Protocol on Gender and Development. We urge the Government of Madagascar to prioritise efforts to tackle both corruption and gender-based violence.

#### **We recommend:**

1. Ensure that the new joint ten-year plan between the Ministry of Justice and the Anti-Corruption Office (BIANCO) fully addresses corruption practices in all branches of the judiciary, civil service and armed forces.
2. Strengthen efforts to tackle gender-based violence by introducing specific measures to encourage more reporting by the public; increased transparency; and increased investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentences, to deter offenders.

Thank you, Mr President.

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