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Thank you Mr President,

We welcome Armenia's commitment to this process, and the progress it has made on human rights since the last review. We are pleased to note the approval of the Human Rights Strategy Action Plan 2014 – 2016, which will serve as a roadmap for implementing Armenia's international human rights commitments and obligations.

While we welcome the mostly positive report from the OSCE on the 2013 Presidential elections, we note that it raised a number of concerns and that there are still further areas for improvement, particularly with regards to increasing public trust in electoral processes.

The UK encourages Armenia to take further measures to fulfil its commitments under both the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the Convention Against Torture including by ensuring all allegations of torture and ill-treatment are investigated.

We recommend that Armenia:

1. Ensures full implementation of all OSCE/ODIHR election monitoring report recommendations.
2. Adopts standalone legislation on domestic violence and sets up a specialised referral system for victims of domestic abuse, wherein violence will be qualified as a criminal and civil offence subject to prosecution and punishment.

Thank you Mr President