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**United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland
Statement**

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Thank you, Mr President,

The UK welcomes the Grenada Government's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights. We commend Grenada for its recent ratifications of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

We note, however, that Grenada has yet to ratify the UN Convention against Torture and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. We encourage Grenada to take steps to ratify these treaties as soon as possible. We note that as of 2010, Grenada does not have a national human rights institution accredited by the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC). We encourage Grenada to establish an independent national human rights institution, in accordance with the Paris principles

The UK is concerned about reports of domestic violence in Grenada. We encourage the Government to increase its efforts to reduce domestic violence, including by ensuring that police officers and other officials are adequately trained, and by providing information to the population about gender issues.

Whilst we welcome the fact that no executions have been carried out in Grenada for decades, we encourage the Government to establish a formal moratorium on executions with a view to eventually abolishing the death penalty.

We have two recommendations:

1. Repeal all legal provisions that discriminate against persons on the grounds of their sexual orientation, including those in the Sexual Offences Act and in the Criminal Code.
2. Sign and ratify the UN Convention Against Torture.