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

### **Universal Periodic Review – Kyrgyzstan January 2015**

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Thank you, Mr President,

The United Kingdom welcomes Kyrgyzstan's delegation to Geneva and its constructive engagement with the UPR and human rights bodies.

We commend Kyrgyzstan's progress since their last review in May 2010, including adoption of a new Constitution in June 2010. We encourage Kyrgyzstan to build on these achievements to ensure full respect for its international human rights commitments and the Constitution, including the right to protection against any kind of discrimination and equality before the law.

We encourage Kyrgyzstan to consolidate the democratic process by adopting all outstanding OSCE/ODIHR recommendations ahead of the next parliamentary and presidential elections.

We welcome the establishment of the National Centre for the Prevention of Torture. In order to operate effectively it must be fully independent and sufficiently resourced.

We are encouraged by Kyrgyzstan's declared commitment to comprehensive judicial reform and to embed the rule of law. We urge completion of these reforms to provide access to justice for all, including justice for those affected by the June 2010 violence. The UK stands ready to continue supporting these processes.

We have two recommendations:

- That the Government adopts measures, including recommendations by the Committee against Torture, to combat torture and ill-treatment, by ensuring that the National Centre receives adequate resources and access; and by implementing an effective Anti-Torture Action Plan.
- That the Government commits to ensuring the full and impartial investigation of complaints of many of those arrested in the aftermath of the June 2010 violence.