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

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Thank you, Mr President,

The UK recognises the priority Sweden places on human rights protection, and that in several areas, the Government strives for stronger human rights protection than the levels set out in international human rights treaties.

We recommend that Sweden:

1. Prioritise family member tracing when dealing with asylum-seeking unaccompanied children and ensure all relevant processes are in the child's best interests.
2. Introduce alternative measures to pre-trial detention for minors wherever possible, develop clear rules for the treatment of minors in police custody, and monitor their effective implementation in practice.

Although Sweden is strengthening protection against discrimination, there is a need to address remaining challenges, particularly with vulnerable groups such as the Roma.

We urge Sweden to introduce a stateless specific protection regime that would provide legal status to stateless persons and allow Sweden to fulfil its obligations under the Status of Stateless Persons Convention.

Thank you..