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## United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Statement

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Thank you, Mr President.

While Burma has made very significant progress, many concerns remain, especially mistreatment of the Rohingya, addressing inter-communal tensions, and resolving the conflict through a comprehensive and inclusive political dialogue.

#### **We recommend:**

1. Urgently address the needs of the Rohingya community by: guaranteeing security, ensuring full humanitarian access across Rakhine, removing restrictions on freedom of movement, and establishing a pathway to citizenship through a transparent and inclusive process that meets international standards.
2. Implement the National Action Plan for the Advancement of Women by: amending legislation to include sexual violence in conflict within the Preventing Sexual Violence Law, removing military impunity for human rights violations - including sexual violence committed in conflict - and promoting women's equality and participation in political processes by appointing a Gender Advisor within the President's Office.

On Sunday, the Burmese people go the polls. A vote that is credible, inclusive, transparent and which represents the will of the people would stand as a lasting legacy for the government.

Thank you.