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

Universal Periodic Review – Estonia

Thank you Mr President,

The UK commends Estonia's commitment to strengthening and protecting human rights over the reporting period.

We welcome progress on our recommendations from Estonia's first UPR: the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has been ratified; progress has been made on the legal recognition of same sex partners; and the creation of the Chancellor of Justice is a step in the right direction to ensure the application of international human rights norms in Estonia.

The UK recognises the positive impact of Estonia's Strategy of Integration, and encourages its full implementation to ensure the protection and promotion of the human rights of all of Estonia's resident minorities.

We have two recommendations:

1. That Estonia use their "Diversity Enriches" programme to promote inclusion, tolerance and integration of people from different backgrounds, nationalities, religions, genders and sexual orientations.
2. That Estonia ensures the necessary legislation is passed to ensure the Registered Partnership Act comes into force.

Thank you Mr President.