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United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland Statement

Universal Periodic Review – Trinidad and Tobago May 2016

Thank you, Mr President,

The United Kingdom welcomes the Trinidad and Tobago delegation.

We welcome the Government's ongoing review of the death penalty. We hope the adoption of a multi-tiered classification for murder will provide sentencing judges with the discretion to impose a sentence other than death and thereby preclude its mandatory imposition.

We also recognise the work the Government has undertaken to address discrimination against women. We ask for concrete steps to implement existing legislation on sexual harassment and violence against women; implementing specialized Rape and Sexual Offences Units within police stations

We would like to make **2 recommendations**:

1. Adopt a 3 tiered classification of murder that will provide sentencing judges with the discretion to impose a sentence other than death and thereby preclude its mandatory imposition.
2. To ratify the optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Thank you, Mr President.