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

**Statement**

**44th Universal Periodic Review – Cameroon**

**Tuesday 14 November 2023**

Thank you, Mr President,

The United Kingdom welcomes the government’s publication of an annual human rights report as an important way to raise awareness and increase transparency.

We encourage the government to further strengthen this reporting, including by providing more detail on efforts taken to hold perpetrators to account.

We recommend that Cameroon:

1. Develop effective measures to prevent and address acts of violence, including attacks and threats against civilians, medical personnel or patients, particularly in the Northwest and Southwest Regions, in accordance with Security Council Resolution 2286.
2. Introduce stronger legal protections for persons in marginalised and vulnerable situations, including by reinforcing legislation to ensure accountability for acts of violence against persons belonging to ethnic minority groups.
3. Amend the 2014 Law on the Suppression of Acts of Terrorism to align it with international human rights standards and guidelines issued by the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism.

Thank you.