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

**Statement**

**45th Universal Periodic Review – Chad**

**Tuesday 30 January 2024**

Thank you, Madame Vice-President,

We recognise the challenging context in Chad, while welcoming positive human rights developments since its last review, such as the establishment of its National Human Rights Commission.

This Commission concluded ‘systematic violations of fundamental rights’ were committed by security forces during protests in October 2022. We remain concerned by restrictions to civic space, and call on Chad to fully investigate credible allegations of intimidation and harassment against opposition groups .

**We recommend that Chad:**

1. Fully uphold the rights to freedom of opinion and expression, and association and peaceful assembly, including the Press Act to protect media freedoms.,
2. Improve access to basic healthcare across Chad, especially for women and children.
3. Redouble efforts to eradicate discrimination and violence against women and girls, including implementing its National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security and agreeing a new family code.

Thank you.