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

**Statement**

**46th Universal Periodic Review – Uruguay**

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Thank you Mr Vice-President and welcome to the Uruguayan delegation.

We recognise the high standard of Uruguay’s human rights record, particularly its strong stance on media freedom and promotion of freedom of expression.

We also welcome legislation put in place by successive Uruguayan Governments, to promote gender equality and LGBT+ rights.

However, we are concerned by growing rates of gender-based violence against women and girls. We also are concerned at high figures for detention and growing overcrowding in prisons.

We therefore recommend that Uruguay:

1. Assign adequate resources for the effective implementation of the Law on Gender-Based Violence against Women.
2. Criminalise torture as a separate offence, following the provisions of article 1 of the UN Convention against Torture.
3. Implement the First Plan for Integration of Migrants and Refugees, as established in 2022 by the National Migration Board.

Thank you