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

**Statement**

**47th Universal Periodic Review – Côte d’Ivoire**

**Tuesday 5 November 2024**

Thank you, Mr President,

We welcome Côte d’Ivoire’s active role on the Human Rights Council during its membership. We also welcome steps the country has taken to develop its domestic legal, institutional, and policy framework.

To foster inclusive, transparent, and peaceful elections in 2025, it is vital that civic space remains open.

Recent violations of the rights of LGBT+ individuals are concerning. We urge the government to fully protect these communities.

We recommend that Côte d’Ivoire:

1. Allow for inclusive, transparent, and peaceful elections by promoting the rights of freedom of association, assembly, and peaceful demonstration, in line with Article 20 of the constitution.

1. Respond to the concerns expressed about ordonnance **two, zero, two, four, dash, three, six, eight,** so that civil society organisations can act freely and contribute to democracy

1. Protect the rights and physical safety of LGBT+ individuals, including by applying the full provisions of the penal code to people that perpetrate violence against LGBT+ individuals.

Thank you