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

**Statement**

**37th Universal Periodic Review – Federated States of Micronesia**

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Thank you, Madam President,

The United Kingdom appreciates the Federated States of Micronesia’s continued participation in the UPR process. We commend [the Federated States of] Micronesia’s efforts to implement the recommendations from its last review, despite capacity and resource constraints, and we welcome the ongoing consultation with civil society in this process.

The United Kingdom commends [the Federated States of] Micronesia on the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We further welcome the Government’s preparation of a report into the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and encourage further action in this regard.

The United Kingdom acknowledges the challenges facing [the Federated States of] Micronesia in their efforts to address their human rights obligations, especially in the face of the growing impact of climate change, and we encourage the Government to draw on available international technical assistance and expertise in this area.

We recommend the Federated States of Micronesia;

1. Ratifies the 2014 Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (ILO P029) in support of the 50 For Freedom campaign.
2. Expands education and awareness campaigns on the issue of human trafficking and gather more data and analysis of trafficking.
3. Ratifies the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Thank you, Madam President.