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

**Statement**

**39th Universal Periodic Review – United Republic of Tanzania**

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The United Kingdom welcomes steps taken by the United Republic of Tanzania during COVID-19. We note the re-opening of previously banned media organisations and urge the government to prioritise media freedom and guarantee freedom of expression.

We welcome the establishment and progress in the Government of National Unity in Zanzibar. We urge the Government to remove restrictions on opposition parties and allow them to meet and operate freely. We call for the establishment of independent electoral commissions for Tanzania and Zanzibar.

We recommend that Tanzania:

1. Fully implement the provisions of the 2008 anti-trafficking law as outlined in the implementing regulations and the national action plan;
2. End illegal pre-trial detention which contravenes constitutional guarantees and the internationally-recognised right to a fair trial;
3. Amend the Media Services Act, the Political Parties Act and related legislation to ensure freedom of expression and assembly are protected.

Thank you