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

**Statement**

**40th Universal Periodic Review- Uganda**

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The United Kingdom notes steps taken by Uganda on human rights, including the adoption of its National Action Plan.

The UK is concerned about limitations on Ugandans’ right to freedoms of expression, assembly and association. The Government of Uganda must ensure the vibrant civic dialogue necessary for democracy. We encourage more transparency over the handling of human rights transgressions, publicly holding those responsible to account, and deterring others.

We recommend Uganda:

1. Conduct a full and transparent independent investigation into the Kampala killings of 18/19 November 2020, bringing those responsible to account.
2. Working with civil society, reform the working practices of the NGO Bureau to guarantee an open, accountable and vibrant civic space, publishing the details of these reforms.
3. Ratify the Revised ILO Migration for Employment Convention of 1949.

Thank you.