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

**Statement**

**41st Universal Periodic Review – United Kingdom – Closing Remarks**

**Thursday 10 November 2022**

* **Mr President, my final remarks before we close:**
* **The United Kingdom is committed to the promotion and protection of human rights, democracy and the rule of law, acting as a force for good in the world.**
* **We will continue to work with our partners in the United Nations and other multi-lateral organisations who share these values internationally.**
* **The UK remains a strong advocate of the United Nations Human Rights Council and we have a deep commitment to the success of its Universal Periodic Review. We believe that it is an important mechanism for A constructive peer review.**
* **It allows the sharing of best practice and promotes the continual improvement of human rights on the ground and is therefore a process we will continue to engage with.**
* **The process is rightly challenging, with states – today the UK – being required to take an in-depth look at their human rights records with a view to improving their actions, and through that, the life of individuals.**
* **I would like to thank all those states which have provided advance questions and which have intervened today. It has been a most interesting and thought-provoking session. And I would like to thank the delegations of cote d’ivoire, lithuania, and the republic of korea for serving as the troika for our review.**
* **I have tried to respond to as many issues as possible, and it is clear that some of the following themes are of real importance to you and the UK.**
* **The importance of retaining the human rights protections as the UK plans to refresh and update our domestic legislative framework.**
* **Ensuring that people seeking asylum are treated with dignity while taking robust action to combat dangerous people trafficking.**
* **And we will await receipt of the full list of recommendations.**
* **I am grateful to the UN Secretariat of the Universal Periodic Review for the organisation of today’s event and the preparation leading up to it. I would like to thank the interpreters, I hope I haven’t caused them too much difficulty today.**
* **It has been a privilege for me to be able to represent the United Kingdom Here today, and finally, I would like to give my thanks to you, Mr President, for the way you have chaired this session so effectively.**
* **Muchas gracias.**