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

**41st Universal Periodic Review - Bahrain**

**Monday 7th November 2022**

Thank you Mr President,

The UK recognises Bahrain’s progress on its human rights agenda, including the development and active role of bodies and legislation intended to safeguard rights and provide independent oversight of police behaviour and detention standards, including the Child Restorative Justice Law and the continuing development of alternative sentencing legislation.

We also look forward to the implementation of Bahrain’s first National Human Rights Plan, and hope civil society will be empowered to play a full and effective role in supporting its delivery.

We recommend that Bahrain:

1. Moves quickly to pass the much-delayed Journalism and E-Media Law, to ensure stronger protections for journalists and enhance wider media freedoms.
2. Adopts a full and immediate moratorium on the use of the death penalty, as recommended by its National Institute for Human Rights.
3. Amends its nationality laws so that Bahraini women married to foreigners can transmit Bahraini citizenship to their children.

Thank you.