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

**Statement**

**41st Universal Periodic Review – Ecuador**

**Monday 7th November 2022**

Thank you Mr President,

The United Kingdom acknowledges the Government of Ecuador’s commitment to protecting and promoting human rights.

We welcome Ecuador’s willingness to enshrine human rights protections in legislation and urge the Government of Ecuador to ensure that the implementation and enforcement of human rights protections keep up with legislation.

We recommend that Ecuador:

1. Takes concrete steps to bring to justice perpretators of violence against women and girls, particularly femicides, including making available the necessary resources for investigation and prosecution.
2. Strengthen protection given to children against the threat of online sexual abuse and exploitation, including through joining the WeProtect Global Alliance and the establishing and implementating of a National Action Plan.
3. Work with the media sector to provide greater legal and practical protection to journalists to enable them to fulfil their roles, free from the risk of harassment and attacks, including online.

Thank you.