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

**Statement**

**41st Universal Periodic Review – India**

**Thursday 10th November 2022**

Thank you, Madam President,

The UK thanks India for its continued engagement with the UPR.

We welcome India’s commitments to implement the Convention against Torture, and support in enacting the Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence Bill of 2013, which the UK raised at the last UPR in 2017.

We note India’s commitment to eradicate child labour addressed through the passing of the 2016 Child Labour Amendment Act. We urge India to continue implementation of existing laws against child labour, human trafficking and forced labour.

We recommend that India:

1. Bring into law the Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence Bill of 2013, and reinforce efforts to protect the interests and rights of all minorities as enshrined in Articles 29 and 30 of India’s Constitution.
2. Set out plans for ratification and operationalisation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in the next two years.
3. Outline plans it is taking forward under the implementation of the Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences Bill to enhance mechanisms to protect and support the victims of child sexual abuse online.

Thank you.