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

**Statement**

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The United Kingdom welcomes Algeria’s stated commitment in its 2020 Constitution to respect human rights.

We are pleased that the Constitution again allows freedom of association. We note that freedom of worship remains in the Constitution but that this freedom can be limited by laws such as ordinance 06-03.

We also welcome Algeria’s constitutional commitment to gender diversity, and associated provisions on tackling domestic violence. But other legislation appears to restrict women’s rights.

We recommend that Algeria:

1. Ensures the right to freedom of religion or belief by providing greater clarity and support on the registration process for religious minorities to become recognised associations.
2. Allows full freedom of expression and of the media as enshrined in the constitution without the risk of prosecution under parts of domestic law such as the Penal Code.
3. In reference to Article 37 of the Constitution which protects against discrimination by gender, ensures other domestic legislation such as the Family Code does not discriminate on gender lines.

Thank you.