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

**Statement**

**41st Universal Periodic Review – Philippines**

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Thank you, Mr President,

The UK notes positive statements from the new Filipino Government on adopting a drugs policy which respects human rights, but we remain concerned around the ongoing climate of impunity around extra-judicial killings [in this regard].

We call on the Philippines to guarantee the protection and safety of human rights defenders, as well as a free and open media, including by decriminalising libel offences .

We recommend the Philippines:

1. Agree an ambitious National Human Rights Action Plan, in consultation with civil society organisations.
2. Prioritise holding accountable those who commit extra-judicial killings, including those committed during the so-called ‘War on Drugs’.
3. Promote the protection in law of Indigenous Peoples and civil society representatives, including human rights defenders,

Thank you.