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

**Statement**

**41st Universal Periodic Review – Brazil**

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Thank you, Mr President,

We welcome the peaceful conduct of the Presidential elections. It was a demonstration of the strength of Brazil’s electoral system and its democratic processes.

Against a context of reports of environmental crimes in the Amazon, we urge Brazil to strengthen protections for human rights defenders, including those working on environmental issues.

We recommend Brazil:

1. Strengthen legislative protections of indigenous lands and forest habitats in the Amazon in compliance with international human rights law and standards, and increases the police presence to address environmentally damaging activities.
2. Develop tools to address discrimination against LGBTQI+ communities
3. Include women and girls and LGBTQI+ communities in planning for the 2023 Conference on Freedom of Religion or Belief.

Thank you.