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

**Statement**

**41st Universal Periodic Review – Poland**

**Tuesday 15th November 2022**

Thank you, Mr President,

The United Kingdom welcomes steps taken by the Republic of Poland to promote and protect human rights, including efforts to bolster the ability of its law enforcement agencies’ to tackle human trafficking, and steps to fight discrimination through its National Action Programme for Equal Treatment.

We also welcome Poland’s amendment to the Code of Penal Procedure, which improves measures to combat domestic violence.

We recommend Poland:

1. Extend its hate crime and hate speech legislation, to ensure equal treatment and broad protection for all from discrimination, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
2. Take further steps towards combating gender-based violence through introducing a consent-based definition of rape and extending the current definition of domestic violence to include economic abuse.
3. Strengthen media pluralism and refrains from actions that may undermine media freedom.

Thank you.