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

**Statement**

**42nd Universal Periodic Review – Switzerland**

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Thank you, Mr President. Bienvenue à Genève, Madame la Secrétaire d’Etat

We salute Switzerland’s legalisation of same sex marriage last year and its progress on women’s rights, including through its first National Equality Strategy and a National Action Plan for the implementation of the Istanbul Convention. Nevertheless, we are concerned at the continued prevalence of domestic violence.

We recommend that Switzerland:

1. Adequately and sustainably fund its newly established National Human Rights Institute to meet the Paris Principles and consider the Institute's involvement in relevant legislative processes.

2. Continue to work towards greater representation of women in the workplace and ensure that the definition of rape in national legislation is based on lack of consent, in accordance with national [international] standards.

3. Take effective measures to fight discrimination and xenophobia against its Muslim communities.

Thank you.