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

**Statement**

**42nd Universal Periodic Review – Japan**

**Tuesday 31st January 2023**

Thank you, Madame Vice President,

Let me welcome Japan’s delegation. We look forward to working together during their G7 Presidency and as a member of the UN Security Council . We commend Japan on its review of child custody legislation and welcome approval of the Fifth Basic Plan for Gender Equality in 2020.

We recommend that Japan:

1. Introduce a moratorium and instigate public debate on the abolition of the death penalty, while also addressing how to support victims and their families.
2. Undertake a review of the administration of justice, in particular the use of the “Daiyo Kangoku” system which allows suspects to be held for up to 23 days without charge.
3. Accelerate implementation of the Fifth Basic Plan for Gender Equality, including on women’s participation in decision-making processes.

Thank you.