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

**Statement**

**43rd Universal Periodic Review – The Bahamas**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

The United Kingdom commends The Bahamas’ initiatives to work towards ending Gender-Based Violence and sexual assault, particularly through the training of community residents to identify, address and find resolution to these issues.

We recognise The Bahamas’ unique challenges as a SIDS, and the further pressure on resources caused by Hurricane Dorian and COVID-19

We also remain concerned by the issue of statelessness for those individuals born in the country who are not automatically afforded Bahamian citizenship.

We recommend that The Bahamas:

1. Continue efforts to improve prisoners’ detention conditions, health care and nutrition.
2. Take effective measures to prevent and end gender-based violence including high rates of domestic violence and femicide.
3. Review gender neutral policies in the area of work, education, health and social services.

Thank you.