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

**Statement**

**43rd Universal Periodic Review – United Arab Emirates**

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Thank you, Mr President,

Let me welcome the Minister and her team to Geneva and commend her country's work to advance the rights of women, including their political and economic participation. We also recognise the UAE’s efforts to foster tolerance and build interfaith understanding, as well as their role in regional stability.

We recommend that the UAE:

1. Implement existing laws to ensure detainees are informed of all charges against them and of their rights to a translator and legal representation; to inform someone known to the detainees of their whereabouts; and to investigate immediately and impartially if a complaint about the detainees’ treatment is made.

2. Guarantee the rights to freedom of opinion, freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, in line with international human rights law.

3. Ensure the political independence of its National Humans Rights Institute and its full compliance with the Paris Principles.

Thank you.