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

**Statement**

**43rd Universal Periodic Review – Liechtenstein**

**Tuesday 9th May 2023**

Thank you, Madam President,

The United Kingdom commends Liechtenstein’s human rights record and looks forward to Liechtenstein chairing the Council of Europe later this year.

The United Kingdom would like to highlight Liechtensteins’ progress in furthering LGBTQ+ rights, including its recent decision to expand the right to adoption to same-sex couples, which is awaiting royal assent. Nevertheless, we would strongly encourage Liechtenstein to go further and enact legislation to grant the LGBTQ+ community the right to marry.

We recommend that Liechstenstein:

1. Continues its work to strengthen rights and protections afforded to the LGBTQ+ community, including through enacting legislation to allow the marriage of same-sex couples.
2. Takes effective measures to systematically fight discrimination and xenophobia towards religious minorities.
3. Continues to pursue efforts to achieve *de facto* gender equality, especially in politics and in senior managerial positions, as women in Liechtenstein continue to be underrepresented.

Thank you, Madam President.