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Item 10 General Debate – UK Statement

Mr President,

The UK has already delivered statements on **Somalia** and **Cambodia** during earlier Interactive Dialogues.

While we welcome signs of commitment to improve human rights by the government of the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, there remains an urgent need to address serious abuses and violations; this includes bringing those responsible to justice.

The UK remains extremely concerned by the grave security and humanitarian situation impacting the civilian population in the **Central Africa Republic (CAR)**. We urge the CAR authorities to take all necessary measures to end impunity for those who commit human rights abuses and violations.

In **Yemen**, we continue to urge the Government to enshrine the National Dialogue Conference's recommendations into the new constitution and enforce them by law. We welcome reports that no juveniles have been executed so far this year. However significant human rights violations in Yemen continue. We are concerned that the *Safer Motherhood and Rights of the Child* law has yet to be approved by parliament, and of reports of an increase in the harassment of journalists.

We encourage **Bahrain** to build on the commitments made under its Universal Periodic Review and ensure that remaining recommendations are fully implemented. We welcome the work of the National Institute for Human Rights and Ministry of Interior Ombudsman. We encourage the Government to continue to enhance its cooperation with OHCHR, building on OHCHR's technical mission to Bahrain earlier this year. We encourage Bahrain to work closely with the UN, including visits by UN officials and Special Rapporteurs.

The UK remains concerned by the suspension of the democratic framework in **Thailand**, and by the restrictions on human rights including freedom of assembly and expression. We urge Thailand to lift martial law and restore the normal legal framework; to abide by their international human rights obligations; and to implement free and fair elections in 2015.

We welcome **Cote d'Ivoire's** signing of the Declaration on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, but we remain concerned about violent acts against women and impunity for perpetrators. We urge the Government to ensure that the national strategy against sexual and gender-based violence is implemented. Thank you.