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Dear Human beings,
Mister President,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Webcasters,
Good afternoon,

The Universal Periodic Review is made to see progress of human rights in a given country, not to limit possible regresses. In the future, we will therefore prefer a positive and constructive, an exemplary approach to the process.

NGO participation is vital to highlight aspects that States are not willing or able to address.

First, we warmly thank the delegations who came in line with our remarks.

Secondly, we regret that the issues of suicides and life expectancy in Great Britain have not been addressed. Are they unimportant? We recall that desegregated data shows that there are too many suicides in Great Britain, mostly of males and that the life expectancy of women, and women only, is shorter than in similar European countries.

These issues need to be addressed, through the UPR, but also through the SDG's.

Finally, we would like to say that the procedure adopted by the UK - that is to postpone all its responses to the recommendations made until much later - shortens and strains the time and resources available to study and address these recommendations properly.

Therefore, we call on the Human Rights Council to refuse this type of procedure in the future and to clear its practices; we call on all States never to use it again.

Thank you for your work for an efficient UPR, leaving no one behind.

Thank you mister President.

*“We understand the right to life as being the right not to be killed,
but also as everyone’s responsibility not to kill others”.*