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STATEMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

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Mister President,

The United Kingdom welcomes the structure of the Action Plan, including the use of an introductory chapeau for each thematic section. This supports coherence and a shared understanding across implementation. We also welcome the concise scope of the draft, which provides a clear and prioritised framework to support ownership and delivery.

As we take this forward, we underline the importance of an impartial and evidence-based approach. The use of clear indicators and existing reporting data is essential to track progress and ensure our efforts are well targeted.

We also see value in ensuring the VCAP is situated within the wider UN and resource context. Implementation should build on existing capacities, support streamlined reporting, and avoid creating additional burdens.

On gender and diversity, we align with the joint statement delivered by Mexico. While we welcome enhanced references to Women, Peace and Security, we emphasise the importance of maintaining agreed consensus language from the Lausanne Action Plan.

We also welcome the inclusion of references to climate and environmental factors, reflecting the evolving implementation context.

Turning to specific points, on Action 36, we note that exploring the feasibility of a Voluntary Trust Fund is not yet an agreed approach among States Parties. Including this, at this stage, may therefore be premature. Rather, it is worth exploring how existing funding mechanisms, including pooled funds, can be better leveraged and promoted.

As indicated in our previous intervention, we are continuing to review this draft and will provide comments in writing.

Thank you.