UK suggestions for possible NPT administrative reform

The UK welcomes the opportunity to debate these issues, and would like to make some proposals to maximise the efficient use of financial and human resources and to make the NPT process more accessible to civil society around the world.

Ideas that could be considered could include:

- An opt in system for paper documents. All official documents should be available electronically. Only delegations who expressly request to receive paper copies will receive them;

- Better use of the NPT website, and consider greater use of technology such as webcasting. This could provide an easily accessible archive of delegations’ statements, and reduce the need for summary records. It would also open up the NPT process to more civil society groups and people around the world who cannot otherwise easily follow the review cycle events;

- Consider improving the efficient use of meeting time, and interpreter resources, through introduction of speaking time limits for participants;

- Consider trialling the greater use of electronic media to enhance communications between the Secretariat and delegations, including Twitter and SMS. This could help inform delegates of daily meetings and administrative arrangements.