

35th Universal Periodic Review: UK statement on Armenia



The Universal Periodic Review takes place in Geneva.

The United Kingdom welcomes Armenia's positive progress since its 2015 review, and the Government's commitment to wide-ranging reforms. In particular, we acknowledge Armenia's conduct of elections in December 2018. We also welcome Armenia's advances in media freedom, however we remain concerned about reported incidences of hate speech and attacks against LGBT individuals.

The UK welcomes Armenia's progress in adopting legislative reforms towards gender equality and combatting violence against women.

We recommend that Armenia:

1. Ratify the 2014 protocol to the ILO Forced Labour Convention of 1930 (P029);
2. Adopt an open, merit-based process when selecting national candidates for UN Treaty Body elections;
3. Sign the Global Pledge on Media Freedom, and commit to international efforts to create a safer environment for journalists worldwide as a member of the Media Freedom Coalition.

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