

# 35th Universal Periodic Review: UK statement on Grenada



The Universal Periodic Review takes place in Geneva.

The United Kingdom recognises Grenada's progress since its 2015 review, including ratification of a number of human rights treaties such as the Convention Against Torture, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. We commend Grenada for being the first Caribbean country to decriminalise defamation and encourage the Government to increase its efforts to protect media freedom.

We remain concerned about reports of domestic violence and child abuse in Grenada, and encourage the Government to increase its efforts to reduce this by implementing strategies to support victims in reporting cases without fear.

We recognise that no executions have been carried out in Grenada for decades and encourage the Government to establish a formal moratorium on executions, with the aim to eventually abolish the death penalty. We also encourage Grenada to establish an independent national human rights institution, in accordance with the Paris Principles.

We recommend that Grenada:

1. Ratify and implement the Protocol of 2014 to the ILO Forced Labour Convention 1930, (P029).
2. Adopt an open, merit-based process when selecting national candidates for UN Treaty Body elections.
3. Repeal all legal provisions that discriminate against persons on the grounds of their sexual orientation and gender identity, including those in the Sexual Offences Act and Criminal Code.

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