

35th Universal Periodic Review: UK statement on Kenya



The Universal Periodic Review takes place in Geneva.

The United Kingdom recognises Kenya's human rights progress, particularly in education.

We commend Kenya's development of a more supportive environment for police reforms, reinforced by President Kenyatta's strategy for a unified National Police Service. But, we remain concerned by limited progress made to strengthen mechanisms to hold individual officers accountable for abuse of power.

We recommend that Kenya:

1. Empower and resource the Independent Police Oversight Authority, Internal Affairs Unit, and Director of Public Prosecutions to investigate fully and prosecute cases of police abuse;
2. Intensify efforts to secure redress for survivors of sexual violence following the 2007 and 2017 Presidential elections, and establish mechanisms to ensure such crimes are never repeated;
3. Ratify and implement the Protocol of 2014 to the ILO Forced Labour Convention 1930, (P029).

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