

36th Universal Periodic Review: UK statement on Andorra

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The UK delivers statement on Andorra at the 36th Session of Universal Periodic Review (UPR), sharing recommendations to improve their human rights record.



The Universal Periodic Review takes place in Geneva.

Thank you,

The United Kingdom recognises Andorra's progress since its 2015 review and its commitment to upholding human rights. We welcome the adoption in 2017 of the Law on action against trafficking in human beings and for the protection of victims, and the introduction of legal provisions on a recovery and reflection period and a renewable residence permit for victims of trafficking. We do, however, remain concerned about the limitations which remain on women's sexual and reproductive rights, specifically the criminalisation of abortion, and encourage the Andorran government to urgently revise this.

We recommend that Andorra:

1. Develop a multi-disciplinary framework for the proactive identification of victims of trafficking for referral to assistance and support, involving law enforcement agencies, labour inspections, health-care staff, social workers and child protection authorities, with particular attention to at-risk sectors.
2. Adopt an open, merit-based process when selecting national candidates for UN Treaty Body elections;

3. Amend domestic legislation to protect women's sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Thank you, Madam President.

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