

37th Universal Periodic Review: UK statement on St Lucia

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The UK delivers statement on St Lucia at the 37th Session of Universal Periodic Review (UPR), sharing recommendations to improve their human rights record.



Thank you, Madam President,

The United Kingdom welcomes St Lucia's engagement with the UPR process, and its progress on human rights. Such progress included its work towards a Domestic Violence Bill, which we encourage St Lucia to pass into legislation as quickly as possible, as well as taking further practical steps to reduce domestic violence against women, men and children.

The UK welcomes St Lucia's positive approach towards media freedom and we urge the government to ensure its correctional system meets international human rights standards.

We recommend that St Lucia:

1. Increase efforts to eliminate human trafficking, including by improving effectiveness of victim identification and support, and improving efforts to investigate, prosecute and sentence traffickers.
2. Adopt an open, merit-based process when selecting national candidates for UN Treaty Body elections.
3. Enacts comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation which will specifically prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Thank you, Madam President.

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