

38th Universal Periodic Review of human rights: UK statement on Estonia

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The UK delivered the statement on Estonia at the 38th Session of Universal Periodic Review (UPR), sharing recommendations to improve their human rights record.



The Universal Periodic Review takes place in Geneva.

The United Kingdom commends Estonia's commitment to protecting human rights domestically and internationally, and welcomes the decision to withdraw the planned referendum on the definition of marriage.

The UK strongly welcomes Estonia's commitment to media freedom, and we look forward to collaborating closely ahead of the third Global Conference on Media Freedom. We are also pleased to see the continued strengthening of the Chancellor of Justice's powers to act as and fulfil the functions of a National Human Rights Institution. This is a crucial step and brings Estonia in line with international human rights norms.

We recommend Estonia:

1. Plan to tackle potential resurgence of modern slavery routes transiting Estonia as external borders reopen and ensure a victim-focused response;
2. Ensure an open, merit-based process when selecting national candidates for UN Treaty Body elections;
3. Pass legislation to bring the Registered Partnership Act into force and ensure its full implementation.

Thank you.

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