

UN Human Rights Council 43: UK statement for the Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy

Thank you, Madam President,

The UK supports the Special Rapporteur and his work in ensuring that international oversight regimes strike an appropriate balance between privacy and security. We also welcome the Special Rapporteur's report examining the gendered nature of certain privacy infringements.

We were pleased to host the Special Rapporteur during his visit to the UK in 2018, and we look forward to the publication of his report. We welcome his assessment of the UK as having "...equipped itself with a legal framework and significant resources designed to protect privacy without compromising security," and that "the UK can now justifiably reclaim its leadership role in Europe as well as globally."

We were also very pleased to support the Special Rapporteur's mandate through the International Intelligence Oversight Forum (IIOF) in London in October 2019.

We look forward to our continued close work with the Special Rapporteur and stand ready to continue to share our best practices with him, as well as our international friends and partners.

Finally, we would like to ask the Special Rapporteur what more the Council can do to support States in guarding against gender based privacy infringements, including in relation to the possible use of data in a gender-biased way.

Thank you