

UN Human Rights Council 46: UK statement for the Universal Periodic Review Adoption – Libya

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The UK delivered this statement during the Universal Periodic Review Adoption for Libya.



The Human Rights Council takes place in Geneva.

Thank you, Madam President.

The United Kingdom welcomes the Libyan Government's engagement with the Universal Periodic Review process and acceptance of the UK's recommendations.

The Libyan Government must end the exploitation of migrants and refugees in detention centres and work towards closing them. Human rights organisations continue to document evidence of widespread use of violence by militias against refugees and migrants including torture.

We urge the Libyan Government to work towards the full, equal and meaningful participation of women including in conflict resolution and decision-making. Women remain under-represented in all governance institutions and processes in Libya, and are disproportionately affected by the conflict and absence of security, rule of law and basic services. Libyan authorities must address the silencing of women journalists and activists, and tackle sexual and gender-based violence.

The UK urges the Libyan Government to continue to cooperate fully with the UN Independent Fact Finding Mission, including by facilitating unrestricted and unfettered access throughout Libya. The Libyan Government must address the persistent climate of impunity in Libya and hold those responsible for human rights violations and abuses to account. Thank you.

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