

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

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



The Human Rights Council takes place in Geneva.

Thank you, Madam President.

The United Kingdom welcomes Mongolia's engagement with the Universal Periodic Review process. The UK commends Mongolia on the progress made since its last review and we remain committed to continue helping Mongolia strengthen human rights and democratic institutions.

We welcome Mongolia's acceptance of all three of our recommendations and urge Mongolia to work to implement these. Namely, to strengthen domestic legislation to ensure all forms of modern slavery are criminalised, including criminalising human trafficking in line with the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children; to adopt an open, merit-based process when selecting national candidates for UN Treaty Body elections; and to Protect freedom of expression by abolishing article 6.21 of the Law on Administrative Offences.

The UK also welcomes Mongolia's commitment at the UPR to implement activities aimed at protecting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons, migrant workers, stateless persons and persons with disabilities. We commend Mongolia's gender equality record and support its Government's efforts to end violence against women and girls and increase women's economic empowerment. It is important to commit government resources to ensure that Mongolia's existing anti-discrimination laws are fully implemented.

Thank you.

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