

UN Human Rights Council 48: UK statement on Enforced Disappearances

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The UK delivered this statement during the interactive dialogue with the working group on enforced disappearances.



Thank you, Madam President.

The United Kingdom would like to thank the Working Group for the presentation of its report today, and its continued work to assist families in determining the fate of those disappeared.

Enforced disappearances are clear violations of human rights and we cannot allow these practices to continue unchecked. This issue deeply affects the families of victims and leaves a lasting impact on their communities, as well as damaging the effectiveness of and undermining the rule of law.

The UK Government strongly condemns any instances of enforced disappearances. We urge states to fully investigate any allegations and prosecute those responsible, in order to provide justice to victims and their families.

The UK works through the multilateral system to address these crimes,

highlighting concerns and working with others to end these abhorrent practices. Through our diplomatic network, we engage bilaterally to promote awareness, raising individual cases where appropriate, in order to enhance cooperation on this pressing issue.

Members of the working group,

How can States improve our practices in how we work together and build on existing progress?

Thank you.

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