

34th Universal Periodic Review: UK statement on Angola



The Universal Periodic Review takes place in Geneva.

The United Kingdom recognises Angola's human rights progress, including ratification of human rights treaties and criminalisation of acts of discrimination based on sexual orientation. The UK acknowledges advances in media freedom and liberalising public debate. However, we remain concerned that police violence, arbitrary detentions and extra-judicial killings remain embedded in the practices of Angolan security forces.

The UK welcomes Angola's National Policy on Gender Equality and support for the 12 years of quality education campaign, but remains concerned that societal gender biases still exist. The UK encourages Angola to ensure girls' education becomes a priority on the ground.

We recommend that Angola:

1. Ratify and implement the Protocol of 2014 to the ILO Forced Labour Convention 1930, (P029);
2. Adopt an open, merit-based process when selecting national candidates for UN Treaty Body elections;
3. Strengthen the mandate of the Human Rights Ombudsman, ensuring compliance with the Paris Principles.

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