

# FACTSHEET 3

## The UK and the Fourth UPR Cycle

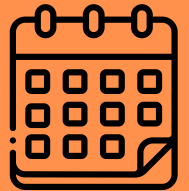
### Summary

- The UK's Fourth UPR took place on 10th November 2022. It received 331 recommendations.
- Key themes from the review include international instruments, rights of the child, and racial discrimination.
- The UK has committed to supporting or noting each recommendation at the start of the next Human Rights Council session (March 2023).
- Before the next UPR (2026-2027) the UK will be expected to implement the recommendations.



### Pre-review (March–November 2022)

- In March 2022, civil society organisations (CSOs) and the UK's National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) submitted stakeholder reports to facilitate the UK's review.
- On 8th August 2022 the UK submitted its National Report.
- On 29th August the UPR Info 'Pre-sessions' took place. Eight organisations presented their reports to state delegations and advocated for their recommendations to be replicated at the UK's review.
- In October 2022 the OHCHR produced a summary of stakeholder submissions and a compilation of issues raised by other UN bodies. Together with the UK's National Report, these were used to facilitate the UK's review.



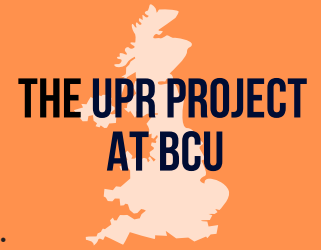
### The Review (10th November 2022)

- The UK's delegation was led by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, Mr Mike Freer MP. This is the first time the UK's delegation has not been led by the Minister responsible for domestic human rights policy.
- The UK claimed it was 'deeply committed to the success of the UPR' and has been making 'good progress' in promoting and protecting human rights.
- During the review 115 states spoke and 331 recommendations were put to the UK.
- The most prominent themes were international instruments (23% of recommendations), rights of the child (17%), racial discrimination (15%), women's rights (12%), and labour rights (11%). These are broadly similar to the UK's third cycle in 2017. A full breakdown of recommendations by theme will be available on our Website: <https://bit.ly/3DcYGDP>.



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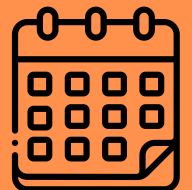
- Similar recommendations were made by a range of states.
  - 16 states recommended the UK reconsider reform of the Human Rights Act 1998.
  - 16 recommended signing and/or ratifying the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.
  - 14 recommended increasing the age of criminal responsibility.
  - 12 recommended signings and/or ratifying the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.



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## Post-review and Implementation (November 2022–2026/7)

- A draft working group report collating states' comments and recommendations is available on the UPR Extranet: [bit.ly/3TTxGyc](https://bit.ly/3TTxGyc).
- In March 2023, the UK will respond to each recommendation. Supported recommendations are expected to be implemented by the end of the fourth UPR cycle (2026/7).
- The Government may, as it has done in previous cycles, provide detailed reasons for its decisions. It will also be encouraged to produce mid-term reports to update the UN and civil society on its progress.
- Civil society, the UK's three NHRIs, and parliamentarians are crucial for scrutinising and advancing progress. Throughout the implementation period, the Government should be consulting broadly with civil society organisations.



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