



Informal Exchange of Views with European Union Member States ahead of the UK's UPR 41st UPR Session, Human Rights Council

Recommendations by the UPR Project at BCU & 4 King's Bench Walk, Inner Temple (Cited in the Working Group of the UPR Summary of Stakeholder Information as "JS5") (A/HRC/WG.6/41/GBR/3)

Recommendations for EUMS to provide for the UK's UPR:

A. The Rights of Migrants, Asylum Seekers, and Refugees

- Ensure that the **Migration and Economic Development Partnership with Rwanda (MEDP)**, and the **Nationality and Borders Act 2022** is applied in compliance with the **Convention (and Protocol) Relating to the Status of Refugees**.
- Ratify the **International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW)**.
- Introduce a statutory time limit on immigration detention in line with **UNHCR** guidance.

B. Detention and Imprisonment

- Make a declaration under Article 22 of the **Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)**, to accept individual petitions.
- Ratify the **Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child** to ensure that children have access to effective remedies for human rights violations.
- Amend the **Children and Young Persons Act 1963** s. 16 to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 14-years-old.
- Abolish life sentences for minors through amending the **Sentencing Act 2020**, ss. 258 and 259.

C. Racism

- **Withdraw** the interpretive declaration on **International Covenant on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)**, Article 4 and incorporate the individual complaints procedure into domestic law.

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