



**Statement by Sweden in the
interactive dialogue on United Kingdom**

*To be delivered by Counsellor Anna Jakenberg Brinck
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Madam President,

Sweden welcomes Minister McNulty and his delegation to Geneva and thank you for presenting your national report here today and for taking an active part in the UPR process.

SE commends the UK Government for advancing human rights in the country and for its continuing and committed engagement with international human rights compliance mechanisms, including the UPR. We welcome the adoption of the Equality Act in 2010 and the Government's announcement that it will publish a hate crime action plan.

Sweden welcomes the fact that the United Kingdom has prohibited the use of corporal punishment in schools.

In its 2002 concluding observations following the latest consideration of the United Kingdom, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child recommended the United Kingdom to prohibit all corporal punishment of children, holding that the legality of such punishment in the context of the family contradicts the Convention on the Rights of Child.

Sweden would like to recommend the United Kingdom to reconsider its position about the continued legality of corporal punishment of children.

Thank you Madam President