

**United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland  
National Statement**

**Universal Periodic Review – Luxembourg**

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**Thank you Mr President,**

The UK welcomes the Luxembourg delegation to Geneva. We recognise and commend Luxembourg's commitment to Human Rights, as evidenced by its work in this Council and its contributions to other International Human Rights bodies.

With regard to Luxembourg's domestic commitment to the promotion of human rights, the UK would like to praise Luxembourg's efforts to welcome and integrate its very many foreign national residents, in particular through its strategies to increase foreign resident participation in its domestic democratic process, and the updating of its Nationality Act. In the context of these efforts, the UK encourages Luxembourg to continue exploring measures to incorporate non-national residents into its national Parliamentary legislative process, including by considering the feasibility of enabling non-Luxembourg nationals to vote.

The UK is encouraged by the ongoing Luxembourg Parliamentary review of legislation relating to domestic violence, and Luxembourg's broad range of official measures seeking to combat social exclusion among the poorest members of its society.

The UK welcomes Luxembourg's recent adoption of domestic legislation to combat human trafficking, and further recent legislation in support of children's rights. The UK also welcomes Luxembourg's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

**We would like to make 2 recommendations:**

1. That Luxembourg includes 'gender reassignment' as a ground for protection in domestic anti-discrimination legislation.
2. That Luxembourg take steps to ensure that reports to treaty bodies, including the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the Human Rights Committee, are submitted in a timely fashion.

**Thank you Mr President.**