

United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland  
National Statement

Universal Periodic Review – Senegal

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Thank you Mr President,

The UK welcomes Senegal's progress since its last Review.

In particular, we welcome the establishment of the Extraordinary African Chambers to try Hissène Habré, and its investigations. The UK also welcomes steps to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities, including the 'Loi d'Orientation Sociale' and encourages an accelerated implementation.

The UK has two recommendations:

First, that Senegal effectively implements the Standard Operational Procedures on the prevention and management of Gender-Based Violence, including through adequate funding.

Second, that Senegal strengthens measures to protect children through adequate investigations; timely prosecutions; sufficient penalties in cases of child trafficking; and implementation of legislation prohibiting the use of children for begging for the purposes of economic exploitation; in line with its obligations under international treaties and instruments.

Whilst we support the road map against child labour, the UK remains deeply concerned that many children are victims of trafficking, exploited as beggars, subject to abuse and living in unhealthy conditions.

The UK urges Senegal to tackle domestic violence, sexual abuse, rape, and forced marriages. Finally, we ask what consideration has been given to decriminalising homosexuality?

Thank you, Mr President.