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The UK recognises Kenya's commitment to Human Rights through the Constitution, Bill of Rights and implementation of recommendations from the last UPR.

Improving the lives of the most vulnerable in society is central to Kenya's prosperity and stability. It is also vital that civil society is engaged in formulating, monitoring and evaluating new legislation.

We recognise Kenya's struggle against violent extremism. Winning the trust of communities is a critical part of this fight. Violations of human rights risk fuelling resentment and recruitment to the extremists' cause. Reports of abuses by security forces demonstrate a need for greater accountability and civilian oversight.

The UK recommends Kenya:

1. Work alongside parliament to ensure the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission's report and its recommendations are implemented, in particular on access to justice for victims of post election violence.
2. Review all new legislation to ensure consistency with International Human Rights Law and the Constitution, consulting broadly to build a national consensus and protect the role of an active civil society.