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Thank you

The United Kingdom welcomes new measures to protect migrant workers in Singapore from exploitation but encourages further efforts, such as a mandatory day off for foreign domestic workers, better labour mobility and enforcement of laws on placement fees to agents.

We welcome the Supreme Court's clarification that the Protection from Harassment Act is for the protection of individuals and should not be deployed by government bodies or firms. We urge revision to laws and regulations that can prohibit freedom of speech, media and assembly with a view to liberalisation, in particular to follow countries that have removed scandalising the judiciary as an offence.

We recommend:

1. Remove laws that criminalise homosexuality.
2. Replace the Internal Security Act and the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Act with laws that mandate that an accused person has a trial in court.

We note reforms to mandatory death sentences but we urge a moratorium on sentences and executions as the first step towards abolition, and the removal of judicial corporal punishment.

Thank you