

Statements Analysis

UNITED KINGDOM

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States under Review: Bahrain, Ecuador, Tunisia, Morocco, Indonesia, Finland, the United Kingdom, India, Brazil, the Philippines, Algeria, Poland, the Netherlands, South Africa, the Czech Republic, and Argentina.

I. PARTICIPATION: 15/15

During the first session of the UPR, the United Kingdom took the floor on 15 States under Review (out of 15 as the United Kingdom was also under Review).

II. STATEMENTS CLASSIFICATION

○ **By States individually**

Supporting or Neutral Statements: (5/15) - 33.3%

The United Kingdom made 5 supporting or neutral statements (out of the 15 statements made) for the reviews on Bahrain, Finland, Poland, South Africa, and the Czech Republic.

Critical Statements: (10/15) - 66.6%

The United Kingdom made 10 critical statements 10 times (out of the 15 statements made) for the reviews on Ecuador, Tunisia, Morocco, Indonesia, India, Brazil, the Philippines, Algeria, the Netherlands, and Argentina.

○ **By regional group**

The United Kingdom belongs to the Western European and others Group (WEOG).

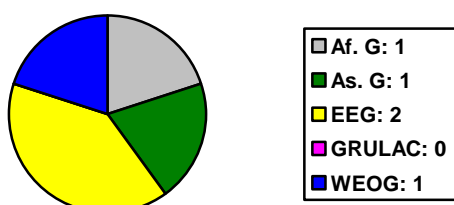
The following table indicates the partition of supporting or neutral statements, and critical statements within regional groups:

Regional Group	African Group (4) ¹	Asian Group (4)	EEG (2)	GRULAC (3)	WEOG (2)
Statements					
Supporting or neutral statements	1/4: 25%	1/4: 25%	2/2: 100%	0/3	1/2: 50%
Critical Statements	3/4: 75%	3/4: 75%	0/2	3/3: 100%	1/2: 50%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

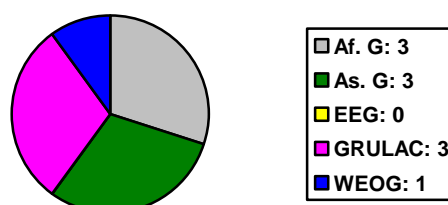
Read as follows: 25% of all the statements made by the United Kingdom on States from the African Group were supporting or neutral.

The following graphics indicate an alternative way to read the data. They show the partition of supporting or neutral statements, and critical statements sorted by regional group:

Supporting or neutral statements sorted by regional group



Critical statements sorted by regional group



	Supporting Statements (5)	Critical Statements (10)
African Group	1/5: 20%	3/10: 30%
Asian Group	1/5: 20%	3/10: 30%
EEG	2/5: 40%	0/10
GRULAC	0/5	3/10: 30%
WEOG	1/5: 20%	1/10: 10%
Total	100%	100%

Read as follows: 20% of all the supporting or neutral statements made by the United Kingdom were on States from the African Group.

III. STATEMENTS DETAILS

o By States individually

The following section indicates the partition of appraisals, remarks, concerns, and recommendations contained in the United Kingdom's statements sorted by States.

Appraisals on human rights policies: (15/15) - 100%

The United Kingdom made appraisals on 15 States: Bahrain, Ecuador, Tunisia, Morocco, Indonesia, Finland, India, Brazil, the Philippines, Algeria, Poland, the Netherlands, South Africa, the Czech Republic, and Argentina.

¹ Total number of States in the regional group on which the United Kingdom made a statement.

Remarks on human rights issues: (15/15) - 100%

The United Kingdom made remarks on 15 States: Bahrain, Ecuador, Tunisia, Morocco, Indonesia, Finland, India, Brazil, the Philippines, Algeria, Poland, the Netherlands, South Africa, the Czech Republic, and Argentina.

Concerns on human rights issues: (10/15) - 66.6%

The United Kingdom expressed concerns on 10 States: Ecuador, Tunisia, Morocco, Indonesia, India, Brazil, the Philippines, Algeria, the Netherlands, and Argentina.

Recommendations: (15/15) - 100%

The United Kingdom made recommendations on 15 States: Bahrain, Ecuador, Tunisia, Morocco, Indonesia, Finland, India, Brazil, the Philippines, Algeria, Poland, the Netherlands, South Africa, the Czech Republic, and Argentina.

○ **By regional group**

The United Kingdom belongs to the Western European and Others Group (WEOG).

The following table indicates the partition of appraisals, remarks, concerns, and recommendations contained in the United Kingdom's statements within regional groups:

Regional Group Statements	African Group (4)	Asian Group (4)	EASTERN EU (2)	GRULAC (3)	WEOG (2)
Appraisals	4/4: 100%	4/4: 100%	2/2: 100%	3/3: 100%	2/2: 100%
Remarks	4/4: 100%	4/4: 100%	2/2: 100%	3/3: 100%	2/2: 100%
Concerns	3/4 75%	3/4: 75%	0/2	3/3: 100%	1/2: 50%
Recommendations	4/4: 100%	4/4: 100%	2/2: 100%	3/3: 100%	2/2: 100%

Read as follows: 100% of all the statements made by the United Kingdom on States from the African Group contained appraisals.

The following table indicates an alternative way to read the data. It shows the partition of appraisals, remarks, concerns and recommendations contained in the United Kingdom's statements sorted by regional group:

	Appraisals (15)	Remarks (15)	Concerns (10)	Recommendations (15)
African Group	4/15: 26.7%	4/15: 26.7%	3/10: 30%	4/15: 26.7%
Asian Group	4/15: 26.7%	4/15: 26.7%	3/10: 30%	4/15: 26.7%
EEG	2/15: 13.3%	2/15: 13.3%	0/10	2/15: 13.3%
GRULAC	3/15: 20%	3/15: 20%	3/10: 30%	3/15: 20%
WEOG	2/15: 13.3%	2/15: 13.3%	1/10: 10%	2/15: 13.3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Read as follows: 26.7% of all the appraisals made by the United Kingdom were on States from the African Group.

ANNEX 1 – LIST OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES RAISED

Human Rights Issues	States under Review	Remarks	Concerns	Recommendations
Civil and Political rights (general)	Finland	X		
Civil society – NGOs	Tunisia		X	X
Corruption	Brazil		X	X
	Philippines		X	
	South Africa	X		
Death penalty	Indonesia	X		X
Democracy	Tunisia		X	
Detention conditions	Indonesia	X	X	
	Algeria			X
Disability	Ecuador	X		
	Poland	X		
Economic, social and cultural rights	Argentina	X		
Education	Czech Republic	X		
Employment	Argentina	X		
Excessive use of force by officials (security forces/the police/the army)	Ecuador		X	
	Indonesia	X	X	
	Brazil	X	X	X
	Argentina	X		
Extrajudiciary, Summary and Arbitrary executions/ killings	Brazil		X	X
	Philippines	X		
Freedom of assembly	Tunisia		X	
Freedom of opinion and expression	Tunisia		X	
	Morocco	X		
Freedom of religion and belief	Indonesia	X		X
	India	X		
Freedom of the press	Bahrain	X		
	Morocco		X	
HIV/AIDS	South Africa	X		
Human rights defenders	Indonesia		X	
	Brazil		X	X
	Argentina			X
Human rights education and training	Ecuador	X		X
	Argentina	X		
Human rights policies and mechanisms	Tunisia	X		
	Brazil	X		
Human rights while countering terrorism / Counter-terrorism legislation	Bahrain	X		
Impunity	Brazil		X	X
Indigenous peoples	Ecuador	X		
	India	X		
	Brazil		X	X
	Argentina	X		X
International human rights instruments (including their implementation in national legislations, coop. with Treaty bodies)	Tunisia	X		X
	Morocco	X		X
	Indonesia			X
	Finland			
	India	X		X
	Philippines	X	X	X
	Netherlands		X	X
	South Africa	X		X
	Argentina	X		
	Justice	Ecuador	X	X
Brazil			X	X

	Philippines	X		
	Argentina	X	X	X
Labour	Ecuador	X		
	Brazil		X	X
	Poland	X		
Land	Brazil		X	X
Migrants	Argentina	X		
Minorities	Finland	X		
	India	X		
	Poland	X		X
	Czech Republic	X		
	Argentina			X
Poverty	South Africa	X		
	Argentina	X		
Pre-trial detention	Ecuador		X	
Prison conditions	Ecuador		X	
	Morocco	X	X	X
	Indonesia	X		
	Brazil	X		X
Public security	Brazil		X	X
Rights of the Child	Ecuador	X		
	Brazil		X	X
	Philippines		X	
	Czech Republic	X		X
	Argentina	X		X
Right to vote	Bahrain	X		
Sexual rights	Poland	X		X
	South Africa			X
Slavery	Brazil		X	
Special Procedures	Indonesia	X		
	Algeria	X		X
State of emergency	India	X	X	
Technical assistance (including cooperation with OHCHR)	Philippines	X		
	Netherlands	X		
Territory and provinces	Indonesia		X	
	Philippines		X	
	Netherlands	X		X
Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	Brazil	X		X
	Argentina		X	
Trafficking	Brazil		X	X
Women's rights	Ecuador	X		
	Brazil		X	X
	Algeria	X	X	X
	Poland	X		
	Argentina	X		X
UPR process (including involvement of civil society)	Bahrain	X		X
	Indonesia			X
	India			X
	Philippines	X		X
Others	Philippines		X	

ANNEX 2 – RECOMMENDATIONS

List of the **25** recommendations submitted by the United Kingdom during the first session and contained in Reports of the Working Group:

- **To Bahrain - A/HRC/8/19**

- To consider inviting the United Nations to a workshop on follow-up to the UPR

- **To Ecuador - A/HRC/8/20**

- To continue human rights training of police forces

- To continue the reform of the judicial system

- **To Tunisia - A/HRC/8/21**

- To work closely with international human rights bodies particularly with relation to the follow-up of UPR recommendations

- Encourages the facilitation of the registration of civil society, unions and political parties

- To consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to CAT as soon as possible

- **To Morocco - A/HRC/8/22**

- To sign the OP-CAT

- To continue its efforts to improve prison conditions

- **To India - A/HRC/8/26**

- To expedite ratification of the Convention against Torture

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- To continue to fully involve the national civil society in the follow-up to the UPR of India, as was done for its preparation

- **To Brazil - A/HRC/8/27**

- While continuing its positive initiatives, invest more rigour in evaluating the outcomes of planned activities in many of these areas: prisons conditions, criminal justice system, juvenile justice system, violence and extrajudicial killings committed by state military police, torture, protection of human rights defenders, violence against women, indigenous communities, rural violence and land conflict, child and slave labour, impunity for those involved with human trafficking and corruption

- **To the Philippines - A/HRC/8/28**

- To sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture

- While noting the involvement of civil society in the preparatory process of the national report, to fully involve civil society in the follow-up to the review

- **To Algeria - A/HRC/8/29**

- To strengthen its efforts to protect women's rights, including by addressing cultural and social barriers, as well as legal ones

- To cooperate with special procedures mandate holders

- Recommends that steps be taken to guarantee the rights of detainees, including immediate access to a lawyer, information to families on detentions, and ensuring that judicial authorities are informed of all detentions.

o **To Poland - A/HRC/8/30**

- To consider forming twinning relationships or partnerships with countries that have been through a process of legal reforms on minority issues to work closely with them on the legal, technical and institutional challenges involved in introducing change

- To adopt an anti-discrimination law that would ensure equal treatment and non-discrimination on any grounds, including sexual orientation and gender identity

o **To the Netherlands - A/HRC/8/31**

- To ensure that information on the implementation of human rights conventions in the overseas territories be consistently included in reports to treaty bodies

o **To South Africa - A/HRC/8/32**

- To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture at the earliest opportunity

- To continue to promote and protect the right of all persons to equality without discrimination based on sexual orientation, at both the national and international levels

o **To the Czech Republic - A/HRC/8/33**

- To consider additional steps to improve conditions for children from vulnerable backgrounds

o **To Argentina - A/HRC/8/34**

- To take further steps to address all kinds of discrimination against women, children, minorities and indigenous peoples.

- To continue its efforts to improve the protection of victims and witnesses, and their families, as well as human rights defenders, particularly those testifying in human rights-related trials, and to ensure that adequate witness protection is implemented.

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