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United Kingdom and International Law

- The United Kingdom is party to 7 of the UN's 9 core human rights treaties
 - ADOPT POSITIVE MEASURES to safeguard against racism under the ICCPR Articles 2(1), 26, the ICESCR Article 2(2), and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)
 - o **APPLY ICERD** Article 4 in adopting positive measures to eradicate racial discrimination and establish domestic law providing appropriate punishment of perpetrators
 - o **REVOKE** the reservation recording an interpretative declaration on **ICERD** Article 4

ICERD Implementation

- 7 recommendations concerning the ICERD were made at the 3rd cycle: Libya (134.5); Kyrgyzstan (134.64); Greece (134.58); Uganda (134.61); China (134.88); Uzbekistan (134.178), and; Iraq (134.56)
- 1 of these was **supported** and **6** were **noted**

ICERD Implementation 8 6 4 2 0 Noted Supported

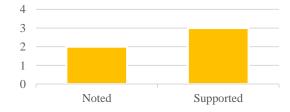
Hate Crimes and Protective Mechanisms

- 3rd cycle recommendations included:
 - o **9** for the prevention of hate crimes (134.11; 134.103; 134.106; 134.108; 134.112; 134.113; 134.114; 134.116; and 134.128) (**8** supported and **1** noted)
 - 9 for effective protection against racism (134.22; 134.82; 134.87; 134.95; 134.97; 134.117; 134.118; 134.131; and 134.164) (3 supported and 6 noted)

Resources and Societal Education

- **5** recommendations concerning resources and societal education were made at the 3rd cycle: **Netherlands** (134.105); **Thailand** (134.111); **Kyrgyzstan** (134.102); the **Republic of Korea**; (134.107), and; **Sierra Leone** (134.93)
- 3 of these were **supported** and 2 were **noted**

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Recommendations

- We recommend the United Kingdom
 - o WITHDRAW the reservation on ICERD Article 4 & incorporate the individual complaints procedure
 - o IMPLEMENT NEW data collection on race & ethnicity & provide independent peer review to effectively promote safeguards against racism in access to: a) criminal justice system; b) education; c) employment; d) housing; and e) healthcare.
 - O SUPPORT the recommendations & initiate legal change as a demonstration of **mutual support** of the UPR & commitments under the SDGs on racial equality & strengthening the safeguards against racial violence
 - PROVIDE appropriate funding & powers to the three NHRIs in the UK to promote racial equality