

Annex 3: Joint Report Recommendations

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It is vital that the UK Government guarantees it will build upon the Human Rights Act, rather than amending or repealing it via a new bill of rights. Refusal to give such a guarantee should be recognised as an indication that there is a significant risk of the human rights framework in the UK being eroded.	12	5
<p>The UK Government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to preserving the Human Rights Act, recognising that it gives effect to a range of international human rights laws. This should include ensuring political officials make accurate references to human rights and address myths and misrepresentations in public debate. • Comply with the international rule of law and implement the ECtHR judgment in Hirst v UK • Facilitate commentary from devolved administrations on their experience of respecting, protecting and fulfilling human rights, ensuring this is fully captured in reporting • Ratify the remaining UN human rights treaties and the optional protocols, removing reservations • Ensure the EHRC has sufficient resources to remain an A status NHRI • At a minimum, implement the Hodgson Review recommendations on the Lobbying Act • Abandon the anti-advocacy clause and ensure CSOs' freedom of speech • Ensure the impact of 'Brexit' does not negatively impact UK human rights protections, but builds on them • Review the Trade Union Act to remove unfair restrictions on the right to strike, union picketing and campaigning activities 	22	7
<p>The UK Government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement and monitoring new gender pay gap mechanism and combat gender segregation in different sectors • Appoint a high level Minister with responsibility and budget to coordinate law, policy and funding 	30	9

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<p>for VAWG services, underpinned by survivors' human rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the risk of VAWG is properly understood by officials making decisions about child contact 		
<p>The UK Government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the minimum age of armed forces recruitment to 18 and ensure the educational and development needs of young recruits are met • Ensure all victims or potential victims of trafficking, unaccompanied and separated children have access to an independent guardian or advocate • Provide adequate and compulsory Sex and Relationships Education to young people • Abolish segregation and restraint mechanisms in young offender institutes where used to promote good behaviour • Ensure children are free to withdraw from religious observance • Implement inclusive education specifically for GTR students, addressing bullying and disproportionalities in exclusion, absences and attainment at all key stages 	43	12
<p>The UK Government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and review the impact of welfare reforms on living standards, increased poverty and food insecurity, and work to break the link between welfare support and poverty • Pause and review its sanctioning policy, ensuring no person is pushed in to destitution • Abolish the spare room subsidy since it causes destitution and has not served its purpose • Reconsider changes to child poverty policy and ensure no child is living in poverty • Create a living wage that accurately reflects the cost of living within the UK 	56	15
<p>The UK Government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission a full, transparent and independent audit of the Prevent Strategy • Continue efforts to ensure stop and search powers are used appropriately and not disproportionately, including considering the development of statutory guidance and accountability for misuse of police powers 	66	18

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure robust data collection on hate crime, and take steps to ensure that groups most likely to be affected are better protected • Closely monitor the impact of 'Brexit' on hate crime and address this 		
<p>The UK Government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relook at law and policy on immigration detention and ensure that it is only used where necessary and proportionate. • Urgently improve conditions in detention settings to ensure the basic rights of detainees are respected and protected, with consideration of those in particularly vulnerable situations • Reform law, policy and practice to ensure detainees' access to justice within the UK • Ensure anti-trafficking measures should prioritise providing appropriate support to victims • Amend the regressive measures introduced by the Immigration Act 2016 	75	20
<p>The UK Government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle overcrowding issues and ensure prisoners have access to purposeful activity • Increase funding to create a better staff to prisoner ratio in order to tackle rising assault statistics • Create better community service programmes to reduce the number of people in custody, rather than just focussing on building more prisons • Review prison segregation policy in response to the rising self-inflicted death figures 	81	22
<p>The UK Government should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate Employment Tribunal fees • Reinstate appropriate legal aid funding to ensure everyone has access to justice, particularly the most marginalised groups, including (but not limited to) those with insecure immigration status, disabled people, BME people, victims of domestic violence and people living in poverty. 	87	24