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Developed by the Survivor Advisory Group, survivors of torture who use their expertise to advocate for torture prevention and accountability.

WE CALL ON THE UK GOVERNMENT TO:

1 RESTORE THE UK'S REPUTATION AS A GLOBAL LEADER IN TORTURE PREVENTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Introduce a cross-government anti-torture strategy, developed in consultation with survivors of torture.
- Protect the torture ban by repealing or amending legislation that violates the UK's international obligations, such as the Overseas Operations Act, National Security Act, Illegal Migration Act, and Safety of Rwanda Act.

2 PLACE TORTURE SURVIVORS' VOICES AT THE CENTRE OF UK POLICY ON JUSTICE AND REPARATIONS

- Set up an advisory panel that includes survivors of torture.

3 INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE PERPETRATORS OF TORTURE USING UNIVERSAL JURISDICTION

- Stop the double standards by equally condemning all perpetrators from States that utilise torture and hold them accountable.
- Follow the example of other jurisdictions who have closed legal loopholes that prevent prosecutions for torture.

4 IMPROVE THE USE OF MAGNITSKY SANCTIONS AS A TOOL IN PREVENTING TORTURE

- Use Magnitsky sanctions without fear or favour, in consultation with survivors of torture and civil society groups and in coordination with other governments.
- Ensure that survivors of torture receive the compensation they deserve by introducing laws and regulations that would repurpose frozen assets linked to human rights violations as victim reparations.

5 STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR BRITISH NATIONALS AT RISK OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES ABROAD

- Introduce a legal right to consular assistance developed in consultation with survivors of torture and their families.
- Update FCDO travel guidance to reflect accurately the risks of torture in countries known to carry out human rights abuses.

6 REMOVE THE LEGACY OF PAST GOVERNMENTS' 'HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT' ASYLUM POLICY

- Establish an asylum system that treats asylum seekers with dignity and respect.
- Prevent survivors of torture from being placed in immigration detention or being sent to countries where there is a risk of torture.

7 INCREASE RESOURCES FOR TORTURE REHABILITATION FOR UK SURVIVORS

- Improve the availability, accessibility and quality of physical and psychosocial health services available through the NHS and dedicated government support via specialised health charities.
- Improve the provision of accessible information on support services.