

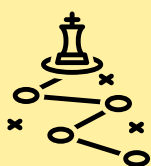
OUR PROPOSALS TO PROTECT THE TORTURE BAN

We believe that everyone deserves to live in safety, free from torture. However, in recent years the UK has chipped away at the framework designed to prevent torture, dropping its anti-torture strategy and introducing laws that put survivors of torture at risk or make it harder to hold those responsible for torture to account. This has led to criticism from the United Nations bodies that monitor the UK's compliance with international law.

The newly reconstituted UK Government must demonstrate that it prioritises our security and human dignity by taking torture seriously. The proposals below are a starting point to uphold the torture ban, a cornerstone of international law.

These recommendations are the result of our three decades of experience pursuing justice and reparation for survivors of torture, developed in collaboration with the [Survivor Advisory Group](#) and the UK anti-torture movement.

1 Put torture prevention back on the agenda



by introducing a cross-government anti-torture strategy in consultation with survivors of torture, led by the FCDO.

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2 Place survivors' voices at the centre of policy



by setting up an advisory panel that includes survivors of torture.

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3 Show that the UK takes torture seriously in legislation



by repealing or amending laws that are incompatible with the UK's international obligations.

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4 Increase protections for Britons against human rights violations abroad



by introducing the legal right to consular assistance.

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5 Bring justice for survivors and hold perpetrators of torture to account



by strengthening the UK's legal framework to prosecute those who the most serious human rights abuses abroad.

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6 Ensure survivors of torture receive the compensation they deserve



by introducing laws and regulations that would confiscate money linked to those perpetrating human rights abuses and use that money for reparation.

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REDRESS is an NGO that pursues legal claims on behalf of survivors of torture in the UK and around the world to obtain justice and reparation for the violation of their human rights.