

Independent Experts Review – UK Intervention

Thank you, Madame President, for giving me the floor.

The UK remains a strong supporter of the review process. We continue to believe that reform is key to strengthening the Court.

The UK welcomed the Independent Expert Report last year. This was an important moment for the Assembly and for the Court.

We further welcome the steps that have been undertaken this year to maintain forward momentum in that regard. We thank the Review Mechanism, the Assembly and the Court for their work.

The efforts to strengthen the Court's performance are a matter of shared interest between the Assembly and the Court. To achieve success will require close collaboration and continuing dialogue to tackle the problems identified in the report.

Looking ahead, it is of crucial importance that the focus be on delivering practical changes including through the implementation of key recommendations. Improving working culture and introducing policies on tenure are among the top priorities for the period ahead.

The UK has recognised the case for further resources for the Court this year. In doing so we continue to stress the importance of ensuring that those resources are allocated effectively.

Madame President, the review process remains a top priority for the UK.

The most important work still lies ahead. Delivering real results and practical change is critical to the future health of the Court.