

# CESCR CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS TO THE UK—KEY RECOMMENDATIONS



The Shift, alongside Opportunity Green, submitted a written report to CESCR setting out our significant concerns regarding the UK's insufficient decarbonisation and climate mitigation and adaptation programme, and the impact that this is having, and will have, on the enjoyment of human rights in the country.

The Shift's Director of Legal Research and Advocacy attended the Committee's hearings on the UK in Geneva, presenting oral evidence to the Committee and engaging in advocacy with Committee members.

Following the publication of the Committee's Concluding Observations, we were pleased to see several of the key points we raised being included as recommendations.

These include:

- 1 To establish a legal framework requiring businesses to conduct human rights due diligence and ensuring accountability for violations of economic, social and cultural rights by businesses, both in their operations and supply chains. (para 11(a))
- 2 To pursue a whole of government approach to meet its nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement, implement its net zero strategy in the construction sector, and enhance its decarbonisation policy for housing. (para 13)
- 3 To carry out an assessment of the economic and social impacts of the complete exemption from tax on profits and capital gains by real estate investment trusts. (para 47(b))
- 4 To amend section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 and ensure all evictions comply with due process, involve consultation with the affected persons, consider alternatives, allow for appeal and result in adequate compensation or adequate alternative housing. (para 47(c))

**The Shift intends to continue to review the UK Government's implementation of these recommendations itself, and has also partnered with a large number of local CSOs and charities under the ESCR Network umbrella to ensure adequate action is taken.**