

UK Recommendations for Item 3: ‘Measures to strengthen procurement policies at the national, regional and international levels’

1. States Parties, public bodies and multilateral institutions should take a strategic risk-based approach to mitigating human trafficking risks in their supply chains.
2. Public bodies and multilateral institutions should explore how they can use public procurement to create incentives for the private sector to become more responsible and sustainable.
3. Public bodies and multilateral institutions should build capacity of their staff and provide them with the tools they need to identify and mitigate human trafficking risks in their supply chains.
4. States Parties should encourage public bodies and multilateral institutions, to produce transparency statements which require senior management approval, so that they are held accountable for the steps they have taken to address human trafficking risks in their supply chains.
5. States Parties and multilateral institutions should make use of existing international tools, such as the ICAT policy brief [‘Preventing Trafficking in Persons: The Role of Procurement’](#) and the *ICAT Mapping Exercise of the mandates of ICAT Entities (2021)* to inform the development of their respective policies, strategies or legislation, so as to strengthen procurement practices within their respective national, regional or international policies.
6. States Parties should consider developing policies and guidance setting out the steps that public bodies should take throughout the commercial lifecycle to identify and mitigate human trafficking risks.

7. States Parties should consider developing assessment tools, which public bodies can use with their suppliers to understand which anti-slavery practices they have in place and provide suppliers with tailored recommendations on how to improve.
8. States Parties should consider developing e-learning courses for public sector commercial staff, to assist individuals to identify trafficking risks in procurement.