

Response from G4S:

It is important to note that the UK National Contact Point has found no evidence that G4S equipment or services cause or contribute to adverse human rights impacts and that the company carries out extensive due diligence and on-going review of the potential human rights risks of its business.

In addition, the UK NCP has concluded that it has not found any general failure by the company to respect the human rights of the people on whose behalf the complaint is made or any failure to respect human rights in regards to its own operations.

Therefore, the NCP has been clear that in its opinion that G4S does not commit human rights violations.

In what the NCP describes in its Final Statement as a "technical inconsistency" with the OECD Guidelines, the NCP does suggest that G4S could do more to influence its business partners, share best practice and commit to new practices in regard to future contracts. This is not the same as suggesting that G4S is committing serious breaches of human rights.

It is not correct to say that G4S does not take its human rights obligations seriously. We have already launched a new human rights policy and guidance for our managers, implemented a regular human rights review process for our existing business and a process for assessing new opportunities against human rights standards. In addition we have built human rights risks into our audit and review programmes. Our Board is regularly updated on matters in relation to human rights and we commission independent reviews to assess potential human rights risks where we feel it is necessary.

We are confident that these measures will help to ensure that we continue to uphold the human rights of our own staff and those with whom we come into contact.

G4S welcomes the Final Statement and is committed to continue working with our business partners around the world to safeguard human rights standards.