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JUSTICE welcomes the Discrimination Law Review that was published today.

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- Welcomes the long awaited publication of the Discrimination Law Review with its recognition of the urgent need to update equality law to make it fit for the 21st century,
- Considers that a new streamlined, simplified and consistent Equality Act will benefit everyone – business and bystanders alike,
- Urges the Government to take full account of the inequalities identified in the Equalities Review in developing measures to counter discrimination,
- Believes that the role of the law and the machinery with which to enforce it should not be diminished or undermined.

Gay Moon, Head of the Equality Project at JUSTICE commented:

This report demonstrates that after years of increasingly complex and inconsistent equality laws what is now urgently needed is clear, accessible and consistent laws to counter discrimination and prejudice.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

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The Discrimination Law Review Report **A Framework for Fairness: Proposals for a Single Equality Bill for Great Britain** was published on June 12th. It is available at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1511245>

The Equalities Review was established in February 2005 to carry out an investigation into the causes of persistent discrimination and inequality in British society. The Equalities Review team issued its report **Fairness and Freedom: The Final Report of the Equalities Review** on Wednesday 28 February 2007. It is available at <http://www.theequalitiesreview.org.uk/>

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