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## **Security and human rights: the challenge to government**

- **only legislate where is necessary because of the nature of the terrorist threat**
- **wherever possible, those who are suspected of terrorist offences should be prosecuted**
- **legislation has to adapt to meet the evolving threat, in line with international human rights obligations**
- **must always be safeguards to protect the rights of individuals**
- **must be independent review of the operation of terrorism legislation**