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UPR Poland

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Introduction

Madam President,

First I would like to thank minister for his/her presentation of the national report.

Substance

From the report and other sources we can conclude that Poland has made substantial progress. We commend the Government for recent legislation geared at combatting discrimination and achieving equal treatment.

We would like to take the opportunity to pose the following questions:

1.

In light of the need for fiscal austerity and budget cuts (which affects all European governments), will Poland ensure that important bodies as the Ombudsman and the Office of the Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment receive adequate funding (A/HRC/WG.6/13/POL/3, par. 5)?

2.

Could Poland elaborate on plans to take additional measures to prevent racist incidents and hate crimes, including the collection of data on these crimes (A/HRC/WG.6/13/POL/3, par. 10)?

3.

Will Poland consider amending the Criminal Code by criminalizing crimes motivated by homophobic and gender biases? (A/HRC/WG.6/13/POL/3, par. 12)?

Thank you Madam President.
