



**Statement by Sweden in the
interactive dialogue on Chile**

*Delivered by Minister Counsellor Irina Schougin Nyoni
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Mr President,

Sweden wishes to thank H.E. Mr. Bruno Baranda and his delegation for taking an active part in the UPR and for sharing information on the advanced questions we raised.

In the first round of your UPR, Sweden recommended furthering efforts to ensure that abortion laws are brought in line with Chile's human rights obligations. Despite some attempts in parliament, the criminalization of abortion in all circumstances continues to be in place. Public opinion in Chile appears to have gradually evolved during the years in the direction of bigger support for decriminalization in cases such as rape or threats to the life of the mother.

Regarding decriminalization of abortion, in particular in cases of rape, incest or threats to the health or life of the mother, Sweden wishes to recommend the Government of Chile to make further efforts to ensure that the abortion laws are brought in line with Chile's human rights obligations.

Sweden welcomes the advances in the area of respecting the rights of LGBTI persons, in particular with the new Anti-Discrimination Law of 2012 and changes of attitudes in society towards LGBTI. The implementation and the efficiency of anti-discrimination efforts is often a challenge, could the delegation elaborate on how you work to ensure implementation of current legislation?

Sweden notes progress in a number of areas regarding the rights of indigenous groups in Chile, including the new regulation on consultation in line with ILO Convention 169. At the same time, concerns have been raised by, among others, the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Counter-Terrorism and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Review (CERD): Sweden therefore recommends the Government of Chile to continue efforts to implement consultation mechanisms and ensure the protection of human rights of indigenous groups.

Thank you, Mr. President