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Recommendations by Canada

**Norway**

**Question**

In 2009, Norway agreed to generate data on manifestations of racial discrimination and on the position of minority groups in society, which could help identify patterns of direct and indirect racial discrimination. Could the Delegation of Norway inform us about this initiative and the progress achieved so far?

**Recommendations**

Canada recommends that Norway:

1. Continue and intensify its efforts to prevent and eliminate all forms of de facto discrimination against ethnic groups and persons of immigrant backgrounds.
2. Put in place a new fully independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris principles.
3. Revise its system of detention to reduce the use of police custody for children, and ensure that police custody of children is a measure of last resort and for the shortest period of time possible.

**Observations (if time allows):**

We welcome Norway’s efforts to strengthen the protection of human rights in Norwegian law through the adoption of new anti-discrimination laws on sexual orientation, equality between men and women, ethnicity, and accessibility for persons with disabilities.

We welcome Norway’s efforts to address ethnic discrimination. Challenges remain and we praise Norway’s goal for an integration policy for immigrants to become a part of, and feel a sense of belonging and attachment to, Norwegian society.