



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

*Delivered by Counsellor Anna Jakenberg Brinck,  
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**Mr President,**

Sweden welcomes the delegation to the UPR.

Sweden welcomes that inter-ethnic reconciliation and greater representation of ethnic minorities in state bodies are among the key priorities of the government of the Kyrgyz Republic, as demonstrated by the strategic documents adopted by the government to facilitate inter-ethnic reconciliation and the establishment of the State Agency for Local Government and Interethnic Relations.

Sweden recommends the Kyrgyz Republic to intensify the work related to inter-ethnic reconciliation, with special attention to the integration of ethnic minorities into public service and law enforcement bodies.

Amid reports of instances of violence and public slandering of LGBT persons, by government and non-government actors, and considering with great concern the proposed legislation on "dissemination of information about non-traditional sexual relations", Sweden encourages initiatives by the government to facilitate training of staff on LGBT issues.

Sweden recommends the Kyrgyz Republic to ensure that allegations of violence, torture, inhumane and degrading treatment of LGBT persons, by government and non-government actors, are investigated promptly and efficiently and that perpetrators are brought to justice.

Sweden recommends the Kyrgyz Republic to reviews the compliance of national legislation with the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Thank you, Mr. President