



**UPR 21 - January 26, 2015**  
**Recommendations by Canada for Sweden's UPR**

**Question:**

In 2010, Sweden agreed to continue to develop and institute effective mechanisms for improved dialogue and consultation with the Sami people in all areas of Government policy that affect them and in the development of legislation. Could the Delegation of Sweden inform us of the progress achieved in that area, including with respect to Sweden's Arctic policy?

**Recommendations:**

Canada recommends that Sweden:

1. Take measures to improve enforcement of existing laws prohibiting discrimination, including against the Roma, in addition to a complete implementation of the "coordinated and long-term strategy for Roma inclusion 2012–2032".
2. Take steps to prevent and respond to incidents of violence and intimidation against members of minority religious groups, including through education and awareness campaigns, and ensuring effective interventions by law enforcement officials.
3. Continues its efforts to ensure that perpetrators of hate crimes are brought to justice and proper redress given to victims, including by adopting measures to better track all reported hate crimes throughout the justice system.

**Observations**

We welcome the adoption by Sweden in July 2014 of new criminal and civil law provisions that strengthen protection against child, early and forced marriage, including the new offence for luring someone to travel abroad with the purpose of forcing them to enter into marriage.