



Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on Tanzania

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Mr President,

Sweden wishes to welcome the delegation and express our thanks for the information related to our advance questions.

Sweden would like to give the following recommendations to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania:

- 1)to amend the recently adopted Cybercrime legislation to make sure it does not infringe human rights and to redraft the Access to Information Bill of 2015 and the Media Service Bill of 2015 in line with international human rights law and highest human rights standards;
- 2)to increase its efforts in the field of violence and domestic violence against women and children aiming for an eradication of both,
- 3)to prohibit all forms of corporal punishment,
- 4)to strengthen the legal protection of individuals belonging to groups in the most vulnerable situations: persons living with albinism; LGBTI persons; elderly women; pastoralist and hunter-gatherers/community with specific needs; and people with disabilities, in comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation.

Commendable efforts have been made by the Government to secure women's and children's human rights since the last UPR but large problems still exist. Moreover, instead of abolishing laws that restrict freedom of expression, information and the media, as promised during the last UPR, we regret that Tanzania has adopted legislation restricting the freedom of expression further.

Thank you, Mr. President