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Review of North Macedonia

Recommendations by Sweden

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President,

Sweden welcomes some positive developments in North Macedonia, including improvements related to media freedom. However, further efforts towards strengthening the independence of the judiciary, improving conditions in the penitentiary system and addressing corruption are encouraged. Sweden would therefore like to make the following recommendations.

1. Complete the implementation of the current judicial reform strategy and the updated action plan and prepare the new strategy on judicial reform.
2. Continue to reform the penitentiary system, particularly with a view to strengthening oversight mechanisms in line with the recommendations of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, so as to provide information on the treatment of convicts and detainees.
3. Ensure that the relevant institutions tasked with fighting corruption are independent and adequately resourced.

Thank you.