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Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

Sweden

Introduction

1. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, established in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, held its forty-ninth session from 28 April to 9 May 2025. The review of Sweden was held at the 11th meeting, on 5 May 2025. The delegation of Sweden was headed by the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Dag Hartelius. At its 16th meeting, held on 7 May 2025, the Working Group adopted the report on Sweden.

2. On 8 January 2025, the Human Rights Council selected the following group of rapporteurs (troika) to facilitate the review of Sweden: Mexico, Switzerland and The Gambia.

3. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and paragraph 5 of the annex to Council resolution 16/21, the following documents were issued for the review of Sweden:

(a) A national report submitted/written presentation made in accordance with paragraph 15 (a);[[1]](#footnote-2)

(b) A compilation prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in accordance with paragraph 15 (b);[[2]](#footnote-3)

(c) A summary prepared by OHCHR in accordance with paragraph 15 (c).[[3]](#footnote-4)

4. A list of questions prepared in advance by Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, members of the core group of sponsors of the resolutions on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment (Costa Rica, Maldives and Slovenia), Germany, Panama, members of the core group of sponsors of the resolution on the open-ended intergovernmental working group on an open-ended intergovernmental working group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the rights to early childhood education, free pre-primary education and free secondary education (Armenia, Bulgaria, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Panama, Romania and Sierra Leone), Portugal, on behalf of the Group of Friends on national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was transmitted to Sweden through the troika. These questions are available on the website of the universal periodic review.

I. Summary of the proceedings of the review process

[To be completed by 16 May 2025]

A. Presentation by the State under review

B. Interactive dialogue and responses by the State under review

5. During the interactive dialogue, 101 delegations made statements. Recommendations made during the dialogue are to be found in section II of the present report.

II. Conclusions and/or recommendations

6. **The following recommendations will be examined by Sweden, which will provide responses in due time, but no later than the sixtieth session of the Human Rights Council:**

6.1 **Ratify the relevant United Nations Conventions, namely the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) (Togo);**

6.2 **Consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Malawi);**

6.3 **Consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Namibia);**

6.4 **Consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Republic of Korea);**

6.5 **Take effective steps to ratify the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Iraq);**

6.6 **Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, as well as the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Portugal);**

6.7 **Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Malta);**

6.8 **Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Belgium);**

6.9 **Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance (France);**

6.10 **Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Costa Rica);**

6.11 **Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Italy);**

6.12 **Ratify the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) (Guyana);**

6.13 **Ratify the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) (Mauritius);**

6.14 **Ratify the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) (Belgium);**

6.15 **Consider ratifying the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) (Republic of Moldova);**

6.16 **Consider ratifying the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) (Malawi);**

6.17 **Consider ratifying the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) (Uruguay);**

6.18 **Consider ratifying the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) (Chile);**

6.19 **Ratify the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) and take steps to strengthen the Sami People’s access to influence, participation and livelihoods (Norway);**

6.20 **Ratify the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) (Denmark);**

6.21 **Ratify the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) to ensure the protection of Sámi land, and review whether legislation and law enforcement are in line with Indigenous rights standards (Germany);**

6.22 **Ratify the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) and fully implement the right to free, prior and informed consent in decisions affecting Indigenous Peoples (Mexico);**

6.23 **Continue efforts toward ratifying the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) to further strengthen the rights of the Sámi people (Mozambique);**

6.24 **Consider ratifying the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) of the International Labour Organization (Bolivia (Plurinational State of));**

6.25 **Intensify the ratification of the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) (Montenegro);**

6.26 **Expedite ratification of the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (Maldives);**

6.27 **Ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (France);**

6.28 **Step up its efforts to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Mongolia);**

6.29 **Take steps to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Ireland);**

6.30 **Continue deliberation on becoming a party to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Thailand);**

6.31 **Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure in order to further strengthen the fulfilment of the rights of the child (Slovenia);**

6.32 **Ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, thus completing with the commitment of Sweden to the international human rights framework (Spain);**

6.33 **Ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Uruguay);**

6.34 **Consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Namibia);**

6.35 **Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) (Paraguay);**

6.36 **Finalize the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Democratic Republic of the Congo);**

6.37 **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Philippines);**

6.38 **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (South Sudan);**

6.39 **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Sri Lanka);**

6.40 **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Algeria);**

6.41 **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Egypt);**

6.42 **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Indonesia);**

6.43 **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Cabo Verde);**

6.44 **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Bangladesh);**

6.45 **Adhere to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));**

6.46 **Strengthen its legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights by ratifying, in particular, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Burkina Faso);**

6.47 **Work to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Democratic Republic of the Congo);**

6.48 **Consider the possibility of withdrawing its remaining reservations to the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. In addition, it is necessary to adopt legislative measures and ensure that mothers of stateless children have access to health, legal, and social services on an equal footing with other mothers (Iraq);**

6.49 **Continue active collaboration with civil society in monitoring and implementing Universal Periodic Review recommendations (Albania);**

6.50 **Incorporate ratified treaties into national laws (Guyana);**

6.51 **Ensure that domestic law fully reflects its human rights obligations under the international conventions that it has ratified (China);**

6.52 **Fulfil its obligations under International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and guarantee the equal enjoyment of the rights to development, education, employment and social security for all people including immigrants, minorities and children (China);**

6.53 **Include the definition of torture in the Swedish domestic legislation (France);**

6.54 **Criminalise femicide in national legislation (Cyprus);**

6.55 **Continue working on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which became part of Swedish law in 2020 (Bulgaria);**

6.56 **Amend the Penal Code to criminalize femicide and all forms of sale and sexual exploitation of boys and girls, including sextortion (Panama);**

6.57 **Expedite the domestication of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Botswana);**

6.58 **Continue harmonizing national legislation with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, particularly concerning the right to full participation in society, education, and employment (Jordan);**

6.59 **Review the existing national legislation to address systemic, intersectional and structural barriers faced by persons with disabilities (Poland);**

6.60 **Back up the 2023 legislation by measurable implementation framework and periodic reviews to ensure tangible improvements in patient safety and overall quality of care of persons with disabilities (Eritrea);**

6.61 **Update the current human rights strategy, dating from 2016, to reflect and integrate recommendations from international human rights monitoring bodies and develop an action plan for its effective implementation (Netherlands (Kingdom of the));**

6.62 **Continue strengthening the implementation of the national human rights strategy adopted in 2016 (Cuba);**

6.63 **Continue taking relevant measures aimed at combating racism and hate speech, in line with a new national action plan to combat racism, similar forms of hostility and hate crime (Georgia);**

6.64 **Strengthen the Action Plan Against Racism and Hate Crime and establish an independent body to investigate and address complaints of discrimination (Türkiye);**

6.65 **Allocate sufficient resources to the National Plan to combat racism, similar forms of hostility and hate crime (Morocco);**

6.66 **Continue implementing the national plan to combat racism and hate crimes, while strengthening public awareness campaigns (Jordan);**

6.67 **Make the forthcoming national action plan against racism launched in December 2024 build on the insights of the five action programs for 2022 to 2024 addressing racism, hostility and hate crime programs and incorporate monitoring mechanisms, transparency and meaningful community involvement (Eritrea);**

6.68 **Take the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of the national action plan against exploitation in prostitution and trafficking in persons, ensuring appropriate mechanisms for awareness and sensitization, data collection, and victims' access to justice (Paraguay);**

6.69 **Update the national strategy on rights of the child and develop an action plan for its effective implementation (Uruguay);**

6.70 **Consider updating the national child rights strategy (Georgia);**

6.71 **Establish or formally designate a national-level coordinating body tasked with ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, operating at central, regional and municipal levels and facilitating cross-sectoral cooperation (Poland);**

6.72 **Effectively implement the National Action Plan for 2025–2027 to combat human trafficking (Malaysia);**

6.73 **Continue efforts to develop a national action plan 2025–2027 in order to prevent and combat human trafficking (Lao People's Democratic Republic);**

6.74 **Continue efforts to develop a new national action plan to prevent and combat human trafficking and exploitation and to strengthen the protection of victims (Greece);**

6.75 **Prioritize implementation of the ‘National Strategy to Prevent and Combat Men’s Violence Against Women’ and the ‘Free and safe without violence and oppression’ action program (Australia);**

6.76 **Develop an effective national strategy to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy equal access to basic services, healthcare, housing, education and employment (Cyprus);**

6.77 **Ensure the independence, broad mandate, authority and resourcing of the Swedish Institute for Human Rights to effectively conduct its work to safeguard human rights, including combatting racism and discrimination, and supporting persons with disabilities (New Zealand);**

6.78 **Ensure the institutional independence and provision of sustainable resourcing for the Swedish Institute for Human Rights, so that it delivers on its mandate to promote and protect human rights in Sweden (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);**

6.79 **Continue upholding the independence and mandate of the Swedish Institute for Human Rights and draw on its expertise to further Sweden’s commitment to its human rights obligations (Australia);**

6.80 **Ensure constitutional protection for the Swedish Institute of Human Rights in order to safeguard its independence and mandate (Slovenia);**

6.81 **Establish a National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-Up of recommendations of international human rights mechanisms (Morocco);**

6.82 **Establish a permanent national mechanism for the implementation, reporting and follow-up of recommendations on human rights, and consider the possibility of receiving cooperation for this purpose (Paraguay);**

6.83 **Adopt legislation to guarantee increased protection against discrimination on any ground in public sector's activities and social exclusion (Romania);**

6.84 **Speed up the drafting of the legislative proposal on increased protection from discrimination in public sector activities and programmes (South Africa);**

6.85 **Increase protection for victims of discrimination in public sector activities by providing effective remedies and legal aid (Indonesia);**

6.86 **Strengthen the fight against discrimination, including hate crimes against minorities and strengthen their access to housing, education and employment (Luxembourg);**

6.87 **Enhance efforts against racism and hate crimes (United Republic of Tanzania);**

6.88 **Step up measures to combat racism, anti-Semitism, discrimination, hate crimes and hate speech and support the rights of ethnic minorities (Azerbaijan);**

6.89 **Improve considerably the implementation of measures aimed at combating hate crimes (Belarus);**

6.90 **Introduce stricter legislations to combat hate crimes, particularly those related to Islamophobia and abuse of sacred and religious symbols (Azerbaijan);**

6.91 **Enhance efforts to increase education and awareness raising on racism and hate-motivated violence (Ukraine);**

6.92 **Take additional measures to eradicate racist and xenophobic discourse targeting migrants, Muslims, people of African descent, Roma, and representatives of other ethnic and confessional groups (Belarus);**

6.93 **Continue taking necessary measures to combat discrimination against minorities and vulnerable groups, including women, children, persons with disabilities, and indigenous peoples (Republic of Korea);**

6.94 **Amend the Discrimination Act to fully capture multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination (Iceland);**

6.95 **Strengthen its anti-discrimination law to cover all internationally recognized prohibited grounds of discrimination (Bolivia (Plurinational State of));**

6.96 **Take effective measures to combat racism and xenophobia (Russian Federation);**

6.97 **Accelerate the adoption of effective and comprehensive measures and legislation to combat discrimination, racism, and intolerance, as well as hate speech, incitement, and related crimes, and prosecute and punish perpetrators (Qatar);**

6.98 **Strengthen the legal framework for preventing all forms of racism, discrimination, and religious intolerance with concrete, targeted and measurable actions (Pakistan);**

6.99 **Strengthen efforts to address all forms of discrimination, particularly related to race, ethnicity, and origin, through inclusive measures (Norway);**

6.100 **Intensify efforts to prevent, prosecute and punish criminal acts motivated by discrimination, intolerance, hatred or negative stereotypes (Cyprus);**

6.101 **Continue its efforts to prevent and punish criminal acts motivated by discrimination, intolerance, hatred or negative stereotypes (Cabo Verde);**

6.102 **Strengthening measures and efforts to combat all forms of racial discrimination and hate speech (Saudi Arabia);**

6.103 **Strengthen the legal framework against hate speech and hate crimes (Albania);**

6.104 **Step up efforts to address hate speech and hate crimes, including those occurring online (North Macedonia);**

6.105 **Strengthen and intensify efforts to combat hate speech against migrants and minorities, and ensure accountability for these crimes (Egypt);**

6.106 **Take effective measures to combat discrimination and violence against Indigenous People, refugees, migrants, people of African descent and Muslims (China);**

6.107 **Focus further on prevention, monitoring and addressing discrimination, harassment and hate speech, including cases committed in educational institutions (Croatia);**

6.108 **Ensure with concrete, effective and verifiable measures that State institutions are not used to persecute and discriminate against migrants and vulnerable groups on the basis of race, religion, or membership to a particular social group or nationality (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));**

6.109 **Ensure legislation and law enforcement efforts are sufficient to address rising hate crimes, including against the Sámi, antisemitism and Islamophobia (Canada);**

6.110 **Effectively implement the existing legislation so as to prevent Quran burnings and other hate crimes against Muslims which abuse freedoms and intend to threaten people’s dignity and cause harm (Türkiye);**

6.111 **Ensure that effective judicial remedies and accessible legal aid were available to victims of harassment, hate crimes and discrimination on the grounds of disability, race, ethnicity and religion (South Sudan);**

6.112 **Continue reinforcing its legal and institutional framework to combat all forms of racism, xenophobia, and religious intolerance through inclusive policies and legal safeguards (State of Palestine);**

6.113 **Continue making efforts to fight every expression of hate, online and off-line, based on ethnicity or religious affiliation (Italy);**

6.114 **Take urgent legal and policy measures to prevent and condemn religious hatred, including algorithmic and digital bias (Iran (Islamic Republic of));**

6.115 **Take further action in view of implementing the Roma inclusion strategy, focusing mainly on areas of labour market, education, health, housing and gender equality (Romania);**

6.116 **Eliminate all forms of discrimination against Muslims, migrants, and children, particularly in access to services and opportunities (Iran (Islamic Republic of));**

6.117 **Work to implement national policies to combat racist and xenophobic activities among children, as well as combat racial profiling by law enforcement agencies and organize training programs for these agencies to highlight the need to respect human rights and non-discrimination in the performance of their duties (Iraq);**

6.118 **Develop comprehensive measures to combat, investigate and punish hate speech, its related crimes, as well as all forms of racial or religious discrimination, especially those directed against Muslims, Roma, Jews and people of African descent (Costa Rica);**

6.119 **Effectively identify, register and investigate cases of hate crime and prosecute and sanction those responsible to close the gap between reported incidents and convictions (Austria);**

6.120 **Continue expanding investments in youth recreational spaces to foster social cohesion and help prevent marginalisation of young people (Maldives);**

6.121 **Reinforce policies to effectively address racial profiling and systemic bias within law enforcement (North Macedonia);**

6.122 **Take all necessary measures to prevent and avoid the excessive use of police force in racially segregated neighbourhoods, prohibit the isolation of children as a form of sanction or punishment (Cabo Verde);**

6.123 **Intensify efforts to combat structural discrimination and promote equal access to employment, education, and social services for migrants, ethnic minorities, and persons of African descent (Ethiopia);**

6.124 **Implement swiftly, inclusively and transparently the legislation aimed at strengthening protection against discrimination (Eritrea);**

6.125 **Reform the measures taken to combat hate speech and racial discrimination, particularly in the media and on digital platforms (Chile);**

6.126 **Continue efforts to address and eradicate discrimination and intolerance (Guyana);**

6.127 **Develop training programmes for all relevant public officials to better identify, investigate and prosecute cases of hate crimes, discrimination and violence based on religion or belief (Indonesia);**

6.128 **Continue commendable efforts to prevent and prosecute criminal acts motivated by intolerance or hatred and strengthening measures to fight disinformation (Lithuania);**

6.129 **Improve the capacity of competent authorities to prevent, monitor, and combat discrimination, harassment, and hate speech in educational institutions (Ecuador);**

6.130 **Implement measures aimed at combating discrimination against religious groups while ensuring that secularism does not serve as a tool for such discrimination (Holy See);**

6.131 **Strengthen public awareness programmes to ensure full tolerance and respect for religious diversity across all sectors of society, including programmes to combat Islamophobia (Malaysia);**

6.132 **Continue efforts to combat racism and hate crimes, particularly Islamophobia (Tunisia);**

6.133 **Develop stricter law to strengthen preventive and law enforcement measures against all forms of hate crimes, including religious hatred, such as Islamophobia (Indonesia);**

6.134 **Intensify efforts to prevent and combat racism, religious intolerance and xenophobia, particularly against people of African descent and religious minorities (Gambia);**

6.135 **Continue to undertake proactive measures including awareness raising programmes to prevent and eliminate all forms of discrimination (Viet Nam);**

6.136 **Prosecute and punish instigators of public and premeditated acts of hatred carried out with the intent to incite hostility, discrimination or violence (Pakistan);**

6.137 **Strengthen legal protections against racism and discrimination, ensuring access to justice and support services for victims (Philippines);**

6.138 **Implement actions to promote tolerance, respect for diversity and intercultural dialogue, paying particular attention to the role of the media, political discourse and the digital environment in reproducing prejudices (Costa Rica);**

6.139 **Continue efforts to combat discrimination and achieve equality for persons with disabilities, people of African descent and Roma in employment, health care, and education (Algeria);**

6.140 **Strengthen data collection and law enforcement responses to hate crimes and discrimination with appropriate training and oversight mechanisms (Gambia);**

6.141 **Promptly adopt and incorporate into domestic legislation a comprehensive definition of torture, consistent with Article 1 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Portugal);**

6.142 **Continue the work undertaken to improve the mechanisms for preventing and controlling torture (Spain);**

6.143 **Incorporate the crime of torture into its Penal Code, establishing a clear definition in line with Article 1 of the Convention against Torture (Costa Rica);**

6.144 **Ensure that the definition and criminalisation of torture in domestic law is in full compliance with article 1 and 4 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Denmark);**

6.145 **Abolish the use of solitary confinement, especially in the case of minors (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));**

6.146 **Amend the Police Act 1984 and the Government Decree 1969 on the use of firearms by police forces, so as to bring them into line with the most recent international standards governing the use of force (Togo);**

6.147 **Take measures to reduce the illicit proliferation of firearms and strengthen control over the arms trade (Algeria);**

6.148 **Redouble efforts to combat criminal networks and armed gangs by adopting social and security programmes that integrate a human rights-based approach, and develop strategies to reduce the illegal proliferation of firearms and strengthen control of the arms trade (Panama);**

6.149 **Uphold its obligations under international law by ensuring that its public and private entities do not contribute to the maintenance of situations created in violation of international law, including through trade, investment, or cooperation in territories under unlawful occupation (State of Palestine);**

6.150 **Continue and strengthen its support for UN humanitarian and relief agencies, particularly UNRWA, in line with its responsibilities to assist populations in situations of protracted displacement (State of Palestine);**

6.151 **Strengthen accountability mechanisms for law enforcement by establishing an independent and adequately resourced oversight body to investigate allegations of misconduct (Ethiopia);**

6.152 **Strengthen judicial independence (United Republic of Tanzania);**

6.153 **Continue to enhance training programs for law enforcement and the judiciary to further address the nature and impact of hate crimes on diverse population groups (Malta);**

6.154 **Build law enforcement and justice sector capacities to recognize and effectively investigate hate crimes (Azerbaijan);**

6.155 **Continue supporting the work of civil society organizations engaged in digital literacy training and digital education initiatives (Lithuania);**

6.156 **Make efforts to foster public appreciation of the right of all groups to manifest freedom of religion or belief including in clothing (Pakistan);**

6.157 **Promote an open, structured and inclusive dialogue between the state and religious institutions in order to find concrete solutions for a better balance between religious freedom and secularization policies (Holy See);**

6.158 **Acknowledge the prerogative of parents in determining the religious and moral education of their children in accordance with their personal beliefs (Holy See);**

6.159 **Encourage interface dialogue to prevent escalating religious tensions (Azerbaijan);**

6.160 **Exempt peaceful protests from the criminal offense of sabotage (Germany);**

6.161 **Ensure that all individuals, irrespective of their migration status, are granted effective access to essential public services, including healthcare, in full compliance with international human rights obligations (Portugal);**

6.162 **Ensure that the implementation of legislation relating to secret and preventive surveillance measures fully guarantees the protection of the right to privacy, with regard to their proportionality and cumulative effect (Switzerland);**

6.163 **Provide protection and support to the family as the natural and fundamental group unit of society (Egypt);**

6.164 **Remove legal, practical and economic obstacles to family reunification as soon as possible (Colombia);**

6.165 **Maintain efforts to investigate international adoption processes that took place since 1950 and implement measures that contribute to the full satisfaction of the right to identity of those who so require (Chile);**

6.166 **Uphold family reunification, ensuring conformity with international law, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Canada);**

6.167 **Strengthen efforts to combat human trafficking (Sri Lanka);**

6.168 **Redouble efforts to combat the crime of trafficking in persons, prosecute and punish perpetrators, and provide adequate assistance, protection, and redress to victims (Qatar);**

6.169 **Make further efforts to identify, investigate and prosecute cases of human trafficking, and ensure effective investigation and prosecution of human trafficking offenders (Croatia);**

6.170 **Combat human trafficking and sexual exploitation against women and girls, forced labour, forced crime and prevent impunity (China);**

6.171 **Adopt effective mechanisms to combat trafficking in women and girls and ensure full prosecution of such crimes (Iran (Islamic Republic of));**

6.172 **Redouble efforts to prevent and punish exploitation through prostitution and human trafficking and to strengthen the protection of victims (Burundi);**

6.173 **Address the root causes of human trafficking by improving educational and economic opportunities for vulnerable groups, and by raising public awareness (Lebanon);**

6.174 **Continue efforts to address the root causes of trafficking of women and girls with a view to eliminating sexual exploitation, forced labour or forced criminal activities (Bangladesh);**

6.175 **Take further steps aimed at tackling trafficking in persons, including by addressing the root causes and expediting the development of the new action plan in this regard (Republic of Moldova);**

6.176 **Ensure the effective implementation of the 2024–2026 action programme on combating gender-based violence and human trafficking (Ukraine);**

6.177 **Enhance further efforts to ensure access to healthcare, education and employment opportunities for disadvantaged populations promoting and inclusive society (Viet Nam);**

6.178 **Continue strengthening legislative and administrative measures to combat all forms of exploitation and discrimination in the labour market, particularly among persons of migrant origin (Qatar);**

6.179 **Take measures to reduce structural discrimination in the labour market against individuals of migrant origin (Egypt);**

6.180 **Take appropriate legislative and administrative measures to combat all forms of labour exploitation (Mongolia);**

6.181 **Strengthen measures to ensure job security and adequate protection of working conditions for all migrant workers in accordance with international standards (Congo);**

6.182 **Continue to improve workers' conditions and ensure their full enjoyment of their rights to a fair and safe working environment (Saudi Arabia);**

6.183 **Continue efforts to support the integration of women, particularly those with immigrant backgrounds, who are currently outside the labour market, into employment opportunities (Norway);**

6.184 **Ensure equal employment opportunities for men and women and the principle of equal pay for equal work or work of equal value (Burundi);**

6.185 **Step up the efforts to increase social protection measures, including for migrants and refugees (Nepal);**

6.186 **Ensure access to adequate housing for all and ensure that no child is evicted into homelessness and that the child’s right to adequate housing is always respected (Armenia);**

6.187 **Develop policies to prevent homelessness and guarantee access to affordable and adequate housing, especially for families in situations of vulnerability (Brazil);**

6.188 **Protect the principle of conscientious objection of health workers, particularly regarding abortion procedures (Holy See);**

6.189 **Adopt a national strategy on mental health and suicide prevention that includes a child rights-based approach (Panama);**

6.190 **Increase investment in mental health, particularly suicide prevention among children and adolescents (Jordan);**

6.191 **Continue efforts to ensure access to health care services for all without discrimination (Tunisia);**

6.192 **Continue efforts to promote the right to education for all children and combat school dropouts (Tunisia);**

6.193 **Continue efforts enhancing equal access to quality education for all (Nepal);**

6.194 **Strengthen measures for ensuring inclusive education in mainstream schools for all children, including children from disadvantaged groups and children with disabilities (South Sudan);**

6.195 **Continue work to guarantee inclusive education to all children (Sri Lanka);**

6.196 **Consider sharing best practices on how States can provide sustainable free pre-primary education to secondary education (Sierra Leone);**

6.197 **Ensure the necessary funding to adequately address climate change to ensure a safe and healthy environment (Vanuatu);**

6.198 **Strengthen its legal framework to hold companies accountable for human rights abuses committed abroad (Bolivia (Plurinational State of));**

6.199 **Consider establishing a clear regulatory framework for business enterprises and their subsidiaries operating in or managed from Swedish territory with robust monitoring mechanism for the investigation and redress of violation of the environmental, health-related and child rights (Bangladesh);**

6.200 **Strengthen policies that support development globally including provision of financial and technical assistance to developing countries, particularly those facing structural challenges (Uganda);**

6.201 **Fulfil annually the commitment to dedicate 0.7 percent of its Gross National Product to official development assistance (Cuba);**

6.202 **Refrain from the use of unilateral coercive measures which widely violate human rights (Belarus);**

6.203 **End the implementation and promotion of unlawful unilateral coercive measures (Iran (Islamic Republic of));**

6.204 **Strengthen the Gender Equality Agency’s monitoring role by ensuring it has adequate staffing, tools, and funding to fulfil its mandate effectively (Ukraine);**

6.205 **Strengthen measures to increase women’s participation in decision-making bodies (Nepal);**

6.206 **Consider introducing temporary special measures to ensure the equal representation of women in senior academic posts (South Sudan);**

6.207 **Address the remaining challenges faced by women and girls, particularly with regard to equal representation in the labour market and leadership positions (Saudi Arabia);**

6.208 **Continue to strengthen the rights of women, especially their representation in both public and private sectors (Lao People’s Democratic Republic);**

6.209 **Improve further migrant women’s access to language and professional training as well as other public services, which enable them to integrate into the Swedish society (Finland);**

6.210 **Expedite the in-depth study on empowerment and participation of women and girls in local democracy to broaden knowledge and share experiences (South Africa);**

6.211 **Redouble efforts in promoting and protecting the rights of women and girls, particularly those exposed to vulnerability (Burkina Faso);**

6.212 **Promote gender equality while preventing domestic violence (United Republic of Tanzania);**

6.213 **Intensify efforts to prevent and address gender-based violence while ensuring that support services are accessible to all victims (Luxembourg);**

6.214 **Strengthen protection mechanisms for women and girls against all forms of violence, ensuring effective investigations and accountability (Lebanon);**

6.215 **Strengthen further legislation to combat gender-based and sexual violence (Cyprus);**

6.216 **Strengthen continuously efforts to combat sexual and gender-based violence (Austria);**

6.217 **Ensure the availability of specialized inclusive and accessible shelters for gender-based violence victims and survivors (Iceland);**

6.218 **Adopt legal measures and policies to prohibit, investigate and prosecute Technology Facilitated Gender Based Violence (TFGBV) and develop appropriate and effective mechanisms of accountability for social media platforms and other technology companies focused on ensuring company transparency and remediation (Netherlands (Kingdom of the));**

6.219 **Continue its efforts to combat gender-based violence, including by adopting the recommendation of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to improve efforts to identify and eliminate barriers preventing women from reporting violence (New Zealand);**

6.220 **Continue to combat gender-based violence and oppression, including through implementation of the government action plan (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);**

6.221 **Continue with efforts to combat gender-based violence (Malawi);**

6.222 **Redouble efforts to combat violence against women and girls, with particular attention to the needs of women belonging to national or ethnic minorities, women with disabilities, and migrant women (Chile);**

6.223 **Continue to strengthen efforts to combat domestic violence, including by expanding access to legal aid (Armenia);**

6.224 **Strengthen efforts to combat domestic violence (Albania);**

6.225 **Strengthen the institutional, regulatory, and public policy framework to prevent and punish sexual and domestic violence against women (Paraguay);**

6.226 **Continue efforts to combat domestic violence, in particular by expanding access to legal aid, in accordance with the provisions of the Istanbul Convention, ratified by Sweden in 2014 (Switzerland);**

6.227 **Take steps to address domestic violence by expanding access to legal aid, protection services, and comprehensive victim support (Thailand);**

6.228 **Enhance knowledge of the digital dimensions of violence, including gender-based violence (Estonia);**

6.229 **Continue efforts to protect women and children online, including by addressing digital violence, strengthening legal safeguards, and sharing experiences with other countries (Thailand);**

6.230 **Strengthen regulations and safeguarding policies to protect the rights and safety of children in the digital environment and ensure that laws on access to information in the digital environment protect children from harmful content (Montenegro);**

6.231 **Take further measures to protect the rights and safety of children in the digital environment and ensure that laws on access to information in the digital environment protect children from harmful content (Greece);**

6.232 **Strengthen efforts to combat the sexual exploitation of children and human trafficking (Morocco);**

6.233 **Take measures to ensure efficient criminalization of all forms of sale and sexual exploitation of children (Croatia);**

6.234 **Fully outlaw the use of solitary confinement for children, as recommended by the International Independent Expert Mechanism (Poland);**

6.235 **Adopt the recommendation of the International Mechanism of Independent Experts on the abolition of the use of solitary confinement for children (Sierra Leone);**

6.236 **Continue advancing policies that promote the inclusion of children and young people in society, with a focus on preventing youth radicalisation (India);**

6.237 **Follow the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to strengthen measures to eliminate child marriage and prevent female genital mutilation, adopting strategies to encourage the reporting of these cases and other harmful practices against children (Colombia);**

6.238 **Continue its efforts to end child marriages, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Mauritius);**

6.239 **Continue efforts to address discrimination against children in disadvantaged situations (Republic of Moldova);**

6.240 **Continue implementing laws and policies to combat racist and xenophobic activities among children, to eliminate discrimination, online and offline harassment, bullying and violence in educational settings and to abolish the use of physical restraint and solitary confinement for minors (Romania);**

6.241 **Consider conducting a comprehensive study to identify the root causes of children involvement in crime and violence (Sierra Leone);**

6.242 **Redouble efforts to prevent suicide among children and adolescents and form inter-institutional teams of experts to examine child deaths in order to strengthen preventive measures (Ecuador);**

6.243 **Take measures to ensure that children have accessible and effective complaint mechanisms and entities to turn to for information and support when their rights are violated (Belgium);**

6.244 **Ensure that children have access to confidential and child-friendly complaints mechanisms for the reporting of all forms of violence and abuse (Botswana);**

6.245 **Strengthen measures to combat violence in schools and ensure equal access to education for all children irrespective of their family status (Bangladesh);**

6.246 **Improve access to mental health services for children (Estonia);**

6.247 **Ensure the full protection of the rights of child migrants and asylum seekers, including access to education, healthcare and psychosocial support irrespective of status (Gambia);**

6.248 **Comprehensively protect the rights of children, including preventing their recruitment by criminal gangs and ensuring the exercise of their criminal and procedural rights, in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Cuba);**

6.249 **Prevent all forms of coercive measures against children in alternative care institutions and strengthen mechanisms for protection, reporting and punishment (Italy);**

6.250 **Provide equal access to quality education for children from disadvantaged groups and strengthen measures to ensure inclusive education in mainstream schools for children with disabilities (Cyprus);**

6.251 **Strengthen its measures to ensure equal access to quality education for boys and girls from disadvantaged groups (Bolivia (Plurinational State of));**

6.252 **Sustain efforts for enhancing protection of children, especially in vulnerable situations (Georgia);**

6.253 **Continue its efforts to combat violence in schools through prevention and early-detection mechanisms, training for teachers, and awareness-raising on the harmful effects of bullying and violence (Mongolia);**

6.254 **Enhance multisectoral coordination to provide comprehensive support services for children who are victims of violence (India);**

6.255 **Ensure the active involvement of older persons in policy development in all relevant policy areas for their full enjoyment of all human rights (Philippines);**

6.256 **Harmonize the legal definition of disability with the international human rights model of disability (Zambia);**

6.257 **Harmonize the definition of disability in laws and policies with the human rights-based model of disability (Colombia);**

6.258 **Take measures to address systematic, intersectional and structural barriers experienced by persons with disabilities, national minorities and migrants (Sri Lanka);**

6.259 **Pursue the efforts aimed at guaranteeing the full and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the public, political, social and economic spheres (Bulgaria);**

6.260 **Continue efforts to achieve equality in living conditions and full participation for persons with disabilities, including through inclusive policies in employment, healthcare and education (Greece);**

6.261 **Develop a national strategy to promote access to justice for persons with disabilities (Congo);**

6.262 **Increase measures to protect persons with disabilities from hate crimes (Germany);**

6.263 **Effectively implement the Act on Consultation on Issues concerning the Sami People, to guarantee, both in law and in practice, the free, prior and informed consent of the Sami in all decisions affecting them and to ratify the Nordic Sami Convention, in view of establishing minimum standards for the rights of the Sami people (Austria);**

6.264 **Ensure legislation is consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the principle of free, prior and informed consent (Canada);**

6.265 **Strengthen measures to support the Sami people, particularly through early implementation of the findings and recommendations of the Truth Commission for the Sami People (New Zealand);**

6.266 **Ensure the full and effective implementation of the mandate of the Truth Commission for the Sámi People and its recommendations, including through the allocation of sufficient financial resources (Brazil);**

6.267 **Ensure that the recommendations made by the Truth Commission for the Indigenous Sami people and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Tornedalians, Kvens, and Lantalaiset are given due attention at the local, regional and national level, and are duly implemented (Finland);**

6.268 **Work with the Truth Commission for the Sami People to ensure its forthcoming proposals to redress and promote reconciliation are considered in good faith and fairly implemented (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);**

6.269 **Continue with the progress made by the Truth Commission for the Sami people (Spain);**

6.270 **Fully implement the recommendations of the relevant Truth Commission to better safeguard the human rights of the Sami and other minorities (China);**

6.271 **Implement an independent follow-up mechanism for the truth commissions for the Sami people on land dispossession and the denial of cultural and territorial rights, and develop a comprehensive reparations programme that guarantees their free, prior and informed consent in all decisions that affect them (Costa Rica);**

6.272 **Continue efforts to promote reconciliation and advance the economic, social and cultural rights and interests of the Sami people, including relating to land, language, education, participation in decision making, and the repatriation of Sami human remains to the Sami people (Australia);**

6.273 **Establish, with the substantive participation of the Sami, a comprehensive national strategy and action plan regarding the rights of the Sami people (Paraguay);**

6.274 **Take steps to secure traditional livelihoods of Sami community and their meaningful participation in the adoption of measures under the Climate Change Policy Action Plan (India);**

6.275 **Provide Sámi organizations with the resources required to respond to increased consultation requests under the Law on Consultation (Canada);**

6.276 **Implement the recommendations to protect the Sami, Tornedaler, Kven and Lantalaiset, in consultation with these minorities (Switzerland);**

6.277 **Modify the legal framework to expressly prohibit racial profiling against ethnic, religious, national, and indigenous minorities (Mexico);**

6.278 **Cease the existing practice of racial profiling, which is used by state law enforcement agencies (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));**

6.279 **Enhance safeguards against racial profiling and discrimination by conducting comprehensive reviews of relevant legislations, with a view to preventing any disproportionate impact on migrants, as well as racial and ethnic minority communities (Ethiopia);**

6.280 **Continue to engage with national minorities and further ensure that the Act on national minorities and minority languages is fully implemented (Finland);**

6.281 **Implement the necessary measures to ensure the protection of the rights of national minorities and of migrants (Cuba);**

6.282 **Continue work to respect, protect and fulfil the human rights of all minority groups in Sweden (Ireland);**

6.283 **Provide equal access to quality education for national minorities at all levels (Malaysia);**

6.284 **Continue efforts to address issues related to minorities and ensure that their human rights continue to be protected (Guyana);**

6.285 **Ban conversion practices on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity (Malta);**

6.286 **Prohibit conversion practices based on sexual orientation and gender identity (Colombia);**

6.287 **Ban conversion therapy (Iceland);**

6.288 **Respect intersex children's right to self-determination and ban medically unnecessary surgeries (Iceland);**

6.289 **Improve further the protection of LGBTQI+ persons by fully prohibiting conversion therapy and enabling access to healthcare for all LGBTQI+ children (Germany);**

6.290 **Develop and adopt a new and updated action plan for equal rights and opportunities for LGBTQI persons (Estonia);**

6.291 **Introduce a transparent administrative self-identification process for legal gender recognition, free from intrusive requirements (Iceland);**

6.292 **Ensure that the rights of children in migration and asylum procedures are fully respected, including access to legal support and child-appropriate care (Lebanon);**

6.293 **Adopt a legislative framework for ensuring the right of all migrant children to the best possible medical services and adequate housing (Vanuatu);**

6.294 **Ensure equal access to rights for children in disadvantaged groups, including refugee and migrant children (Vanuatu);**

6.295 **Ensure that detention facilities for vulnerable migrants meet international human rights standards (Mozambique);**

6.296 **Redouble efforts to ensure that national policies and practices on migration and asylum grant sufficient guarantees for the respect of the principle of non-refoulement (Republic of Korea);**

6.297 **Continue to fully guarantee the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, including the right to family reunification, and respect of the principle of non-refoulement (Philippines);**

6.298 **Take appropriate steps to ensure that cultural misrepresentation does not lead to family separations or children being put in foster care, particularly among the immigrant families (India);**

6.299 **Ensure that the rights of migrants, refugees, and stateless persons are fully protected under national law and practice (State of Palestine);**

6.300 **Take effective measures to ensure the rights of migrants and refugees, including access to the labour market, health care, education and their social integration into Swedish society (Russian Federation);**

6.301 **Take robust measures to ensure that any immigration policy does not impede the equal access of migrants to services essential for the realization of economic, social and cultural rights (Namibia);**

6.302 **Take measures to promote integration with the aim to expanding newly arrived immigrants into society and the labour market (South Africa);**

6.303 **Prohibit the detention of children for purposes related to their immigration status, and consider alternative measures to detention (Colombia);**

6.304 **Enhance integration policies to ensure equal opportunities and full participation for migrants and minority communities (North Macedonia);**

6.305 **Reinforce measures to combat discrimination against persons with a migrant background and promote their full and equal participation in economic and social life, through inclusive integration policies (Thailand);**

6.306 **Strengthen legal and systematic policies to protect the rights of migrant workers specially those of African descent (Uganda);**

6.307 **Ensure the implementation of fair and equitable policies in favour of migrants and other vulnerable groups, thus allowing the enjoyment of all their human rights (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));**

6.308 **Protect the rights of migrants and asylum seekers, strengthening their procedural guarantees and aligning migration policies with international standards (Mexico);**

6.309 **Ensure full respect for the rights of migrants and asylum seekers, in accordance with international obligations, in particular in access to fair procedures, protection against arbitrary detention and the right to family reunification (Luxembourg);**

6.310 **Consider alternatives to the detention for irregular asylum seekers (Mozambique);**

6.311 **Revise restrictive measures in the area of asylum and family reunification (Zambia);**

6.312 **Take the necessary measures to ensure access to the asylum procedure for all persons wishing to apply for international protection, including by removing legal, practical and economic obstacles to family reunification (Uruguay);**

6.313 **Ensure that beneficiaries of international protection have a secure and stable residence status to facilitate their early and effective integration (Ecuador);**

6.314 **Increase the annual quota for the resettlement programme with the UNHCR and include Rohingya refugees in the programme (Malaysia);**

6.315 **Take effective measures to remedy the situation in temporary holding centres for refugees to address overcrowding and the lack of adequate living conditions for persons whose asylum claims have been rejected (Russian Federation).**

7. **All conclusions and/or recommendations contained in the present report reflect the position of the submitting State(s) and/or the State under review. They should not be construed as endorsed by the Working Group as a whole.**

Annex

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