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Review of Poland

Recommendations by Sweden

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President,

Sweden commends Poland for its response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis. Sweden also welcomes the progress made by Poland in reducing economic inequality, including through the reform of child benefit programs. However, concerns remain regarding rule of law, women’s full enjoyment of human rights, migrants’ rights, and the situation of LGBTIQ persons in the country.

Sweden would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Fully implement the decisions and recommendations issued by the European Court for Human Rights, the European Court of Justice, and the European Commission regarding the rule of law, and particularly related to the independence of the judiciary.
2. Ensure equal rights for parents in same-sex relationships, including by measures to guarantee that minors whose parents are of the same sex may obtain identity documents recognizing both parents.
3. Decriminalise abortion in all cases and ensure that women have the right to decide over their own bodies, including through ensuring women’s access to necessary professional health services.

Thank you