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Madam President

New Zealand highlights the importance of protecting the rights of the indigenous Sami people of Sweden, and makes the following recommendations:

* We **recommend** that the Government strengthen its efforts to reflect the distinct status of the Sami as indigenous people in legislation regarding land and resources.
* We **recommend** that Sweden take further steps to promote and strengthen the indigenous Sami languages, including by ensuring the Nordic resource centre to promote Sami languages [the Giellagáldu project] has adequate resources to fulfil its mandate.

New Zealand **recommends** that Sweden 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 welcomes Sweden’s recent announcement that it will establish an independent National Human Rights Institution and **recommends** that this be established as a priority in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Thank you.