

Human rights in **Sweden**

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Situation in Sweden

ISSUE 1: MIGRATION AND RACISM

New developments - the Tidö agreement

- Lack of children's rights perspective in migration policies;
- Lack of access to permanent residency and neglect for family reunification;
- Racial profiling in "visitation zones".

RECOMMENDATIONS 1:

- 1.1** Ensure the protection of children fleeing conflict zones by guaranteeing permanent residency and medical evacuations from war zones
- 1.2** Ensure child rights perspective to all proposed migration policies
- 1.3** Ensure the equal access of rights for children in disadvantaged groups, including asylum-seeking-, refugee- and migrant children

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ISSUE 2: DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LGBTQI CHILDREN

New developments

- Deteriorated access to healthcare;
- Increased harassment in schools and online;
- Discriminatory practices in processing asylum-seeking applications.

RECOMMENDATIONS 2:

3.1 Ensure full access to health care for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer children;

3.2 Take all possible measures to protect LGBTQI-children from all forms of violence such as banning conversion therapy and ensure accessible support services for affected children

3.3 Ensure the protection of all LGBTQI-children seeking refuge in Sweden

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ISSUE 3: THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD

New developments

- Complaint mechanisms for children are unavailable leading to inadequate addressing of child rights violations;
- Lack of inclusion of children in policy development;
- Insufficient expertise on how to enable children and youth participation in legislative processes;

RECOMMENDATIONS 3:

3.1 Take the necessary steps to ratify the OPIC;

3.2 Ensure meaningful child participation in all legislative processes;

3.3 Ensure that professionals are trained in how to engage with children and young people.

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ISSUE 4: CLIMATE CHANGE

New developments

- Harmful budget reductions in regards to climate policy are introduced;
- The government is not meeting its climate targets;
- Children and young people are concerned about the future of the environment.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

4.1 Ensure the necessary funding to adequately address climate change in order to ensure every child's right to a safe and healthy environment, both today and in the future.

We are not the future. We are NOW!

Thank you.

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