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# National Independent Human Rights Institution in Sweden



- Sweden received multiple recommendations in the previous UPR-reviews in 2010 and 2015 on establishing a national independent human rights institution in Sweden
- There is no human rights institution in Sweden today, despite positive declarations from various Swedish governments
- A government investigation from 2018 resulted in a law proposal outlining the role and mandate of a Swedish human rights institution
- The government has not allocated enough budget for a national human rights institution to be in place 2021 as suggested by the law proposal

# Recommendations NHRI



- Establish a national independent human rights institution **in full compliance with the UN Paris Principles,** and by 2021 as suggested by the governmental investigation
- Secure the NHRI by law and **promptly initiate constitutional protection** of the institution
- Ensure the NHRI is **allocated sufficient resources** to enable its mandate in an efficient manner

# Hate crime, hate speech and racist organisations



- An overwhelming majority of the recommendations in 2010 and 2015 concerned hate crime, hate speech and racist organisations
- No prohibition against racist organisations in existing legislation
- The Police Authority does not intervene in demonstrations by Nazis, despite agitation against racial, ethnic and religious minorities
- Racist and Nazi organisations go unpunished, in violation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
- New investigation: Prohibiting racist organisations and a specific penalty for participating in racist organisations?

# Recommendations on hate crime, hate speech and racist organisations



- Strengthen efforts to **properly enforce** the legislation prohibiting agitation against racial, religious and ethnic minorities, and interpret the legislation in conformity with the modern-day situation
- Install **concrete measures** aimed at increasing knowledge and expertise on the interpretation and application of the legislation on hate crime and hate speech to law enforcement officials at all levels, and across the country
- Take **concrete actions** to combat organisation and participation in anti-democratic, racist activities and propaganda with the limitations stipulated in the Swedish constitution, chapter 2, para. 24(2)

# Thank you!



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