

# STATEMENT UPR PRE-SESSION

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# RIGHTS OF ROMA AND OTHER VULNERABLE EU-CITIZENS

- Previous recommendations to ensure equal access to human rights without discrimination have not been implemented.
- The government is adopting a repressive approach:
  - Foribly evicting people from temporary settlements without providing alternative housing,
  - Banning begging, effectively limiting the freedom of speech and freedom of movement in a discriminatory manner
  - Police harassing individuals on the streets

## Recommendations:

- **Take steps to ensure that vulnerable EU citizens are granted their fundamental rights to health care, primary education, social services and protection against hate crime and forced evictions.**
- **Refrain from imposing legislation that prohibits begging at the national and municipal levels**

# RACIAL PROFILING IN POLICE WORK

- Legal cases and research show that racial profiling is a structural problem within law enforcement.
- The Police Authority and the Government are not taking measures to counteract unlawful profiling or prevent discrimination in the administration of justice.
- Discrimination by the Police and other actors within the judicial system fall outside of the scope of the Discrimination Act, making it difficult to investigate unlawful profiling and other discriminatory practices and for victims to get redress.

## Recommendations:

- **Take steps to transform the working methods of the Police to eradicate methods that constitute racial profiling.**
- **Develop the use of social justice markers and collect equality data to monitor disparate outcomes for ethnic and religious minorities within the judicial system, including the police.**
- **Extend the scope of the Discrimination Act to also include the judicial system, including the police.**

# THE RIGHT TO NON-REFOULEMENT

- The Swedish asylum system lacks adequate guarantees for accessing international protection and protection against refoulement for unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors and LGBTI+ persons.
- Medical age assessments with a high margin of error are used to determine asylum request, resulting in minors being treated as adults, risking deportation and ill-treatment.
- There is evidence that LGBTI+ persons are deported, despite claims of persecution, to countries where same-sex relations and living as a trans person is criminalized,

## Recommendations:

- **End medical age assessments based on methods that experts claim generate uncertain results.**
- **Halt deportations to individuals whose asylum applications might have contained wrongful age assessments.**
- **Halt deportations of LGBTI+ persons to countries where homosexuality or living as a trans person is criminalized.**

# RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS SAMI

- The governments proposal on a general consultation system for the Sami does not ensure effective influence in line with the principle of Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), which is core to fulfil Sami rights to self-determination and land rights.
- Land rights of the Sami are recognized to an extremely limited extent. Furthermore, a legal categorization created by the state means that non-reindeer herding Sami communities are deprived of any rights in relation to their traditional lands.

## Questions:

- How does the Government intend to do to ensure effective influence for the Sami people in decision-making processes in line with FPIC.
- What measures do the Swedish government intend to take to resolve the legal division between Sami groups and ensure access to indigenous rights to all Sami.

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