

# Statement by Finnish League for Human Rights

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#### 1. Access to justice

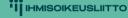


- Finland has received numerous recommendations from UN treaty and other Human Rights bodies regarding inadequate implementation of non-discrimination measures and tackling of racism.
- Both for the victims of Gender-based violence as well as trans, gender non-conforming and intersex people, an inadequate legal framework remains to protect them from systematic human rights violations.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: Access to justice

#### Regarding non-discrimination:

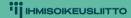
- Draft the necessary improvements to its Criminal Code and other legislation in order to improve the access to justice of victims of hate crimes and hate speech.
- Grant the Non-Discrimination Ombudsman mandate to intervene in cases of discrimination in employment



### RECOMMENDATIONS: Access to justice

Regarding gender-based violence and rights of sexual and gender minorities:

- Implement the Action Plan for the Prevention of FGM fully and efficiently.
- Criminalise the intentional conduct of forcing an adult or a child to enter into a marriage, Including the legally invalid marriages.
- Reform the Trans Act in a way that provides quick, transparent and accessible legal gender recognition based on self-determination, including minors.



#### 2. Right to social security



- Human rights monitoring bodies (CESC, ESC) have repeatedly called on Finland to ensure that social security provision is sufficient to ensure an adequate standard of living.
- No ex-ante evaluation of the human rights impacts has been undertaken in the context of the ongoing reform of the social security system.
- Disaggregated data and analysis is lacking on the realization of this right for groups that face discrimination.

## RECOMMENDATIONS: Right to social security

- Take immediate action to raise basic social security benefits, and create a long-term strategy to raise its level to comply with human rights obligations and recommendations by treaty monitoring bodies.
- Ensure that the ongoing Social Security reform is fundamentally aimed at
  advancing the economic and social rights of the groups at most risk of poverty,
  marginalization and discrimination, including by conducting a thorough human
  rights impact assessment.







- In last UPR cycle, Finland received six recommendations regarding the rights of the Sami.
- The Free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) has not been realised in all of the relevant legislative and other procedures affecting the Sami.
- The ILO Convention 169 remains unratified.
- A reform of the Sami Parliament Act has been underway but the government has so far failed to come forward with a proposal.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: Rights of the Sami indigenous people

- Urgently reform the Sami Parliament Act taking into consideration the rulings by the UN Human Rights Committee.
- Strengthen the application of the principle of free, prior and informed (FPIC) consent in all legislation, policies and official decisions, concerning the rights of the Sami.



#### THANK YOU!

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