

Item 6: Sweden UPR



Madam President:

Concerning the Human Rights situation in Sweden, ODVV encourages the country to continue its efforts in the following areas:

- Address challenges posed by racism, xenophobia and hate speech towards minorities and migrants which has increased in the social media and define practical measures in its national plan to counter all forms of discrimination.
- Investigate and prosecute intolerance and hate crimes against religious minorities and Muslims and strengthen the measures to combat Islamophobia.
- Prohibit transit of arms to places where gross human rights violation is occurring and stop arming Saudi-led coalition that have committed numerous war crimes in Yemen.
- Stop complying with the inhuman and illegal unilateral coercive measures that continue to violate the basic human rights of the people in the targeted countries.
- Establish an independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles.
- Continue measures in order to maintain a high rate of women's representation in public and political life and end the gender pay gap in the labour market
- Combat violence against women and girls by undertaking effective measures towards reducing impunity in cases of domestic violence.
- Take concrete steps to ensure that social transfers and benefits reach all children in Sweden, regardless of their legal status, address xenophobia against foreign-born students and remove negative stereotypes from the curricula and educational materials.
- Adopt and implement a plan of action in order to reduce homelessness among children and their families, especially families seeking asylum.
- Ensure that counter-terrorism laws and practices are taken in a way that protects fundamental human rights including the right to privacy, security and freedom of religion.