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TRUTH COMMISSIONS

**Factsheet on the status of the human rights
situation in Sweden**



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Background:

The Swedish government appointed a truth and reconciliation commission for the Tornedalians, Kvens, and Lantalaïset (2021) and a truth commission for the Sámi people, both in the context of assimilation policies. Both commissions are a step towards addressing the legacy of human rights violations against the two groups.

After his country visit to Sweden last year, the Special Rapporteur on truth, justice, reconciliation and non-recurrence issued a report with specific recommendations to the government aimed at supporting the continued truth seeking and reconciliation processes.

Challenge:

The recommendations from the truth and reconciliation commission (November 2023) have not been implemented and there is no action plan nor mechanism for implementation and monitoring. The truth commission for the Sámi people is being questioned in national media and the government does not signal any support. The truth commission is running out of time and resources and stands without a chairperson since October 2024. The new main secretary's appointment runs out in April 2025, while the commission is to deliver its final report in December 2025. In January the commission asked the government to extend its mandate and allocate more resources to complete its mission.

Recommendations:

to establish a mechanism to follow up the implementation of the recommendations from the truth commissions.

to defend the truth commission for the Sámi people, extend its mandate and allocate necessary resources according to the filed request.

to take into account the recommendations in the report (A/HRC/57/50/Add.3) of the Special Rapporteur on truth, justice, reconciliation and non-recurrence.