

**QUESTIONS PUT BY THE RAPPOREUR
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF
THE SEVENTEENTH TO EIGHTEENTH PERIODIC REPORTS OF
SWEDEN (CERD/C/SWE/18)**

Population

1. Please provide detailed data, or recent estimates, regarding the ethnic characteristics of the population, including the Sami as well as non-citizens and foreign-born persons, and the socio-economic status of members of the different ethnic groups.

Legal Framework

2. Please provide examples of cases where the Convention was used by domestic courts for interpretative purposes.

Article 2

3. Please explain why the Swedish Integration Board ceased its work in 2007 and whether its responsibilities have been or will be taken over by another body?
4. Please provide information on the status of the 2006 report and recommendations by the Parliamentary Committee on Discrimination, and whether they have resulted in any legislative changes.
5. Please provide more detailed information on the effectiveness of the 2001 Equal Treatment of Students in Higher Education Act, in particular whether it is applicable to all institutions of higher education?
6. What measures are being taken by the State party to accelerate investigations under the 2003 Prohibition of Discrimination Act? Is the Act applicable to all levels of education? Please also explain why the majority of cases have been dismissed as unfounded and whether statistics of cases resolved by the Ombudsman are presently available.
7. Please indicate whether the recommendations developed from the studies on structural discrimination and on discrimination in restaurants and “public houses” have been reviewed and if so, with what result. If they are still under consideration, please indicate within which timeframe this process will be finalized.

8. Please provide more detailed information on the 2006 Ordinance on Anti-Discrimination Clauses in Procurement Contracts, including the sample anti-discrimination clause drafted by the National Board for Public Procurement.
9. Please explain why State funding for the umbrella organisation “Centre against Racism” has been discontinued.
10. Please indicate whether the State party intends to introduce special measures to increase employment opportunities for national minorities, including for members of the Roma community.

Article 3

11. With regard to the trends regarding *de facto* residential segregation, what have been the results of the report of the National Board of Housing, Building and Planning which were due in early 2007 and what measures have been taken to reverse the negative trends identified in the report.

Article 4

12. Please provide information as to whether the new methods for tracking reported hate crimes in the legal system have been implemented and with what results. In light of the number of reported xenophobic hate crimes, is the State party reviewing its measures to reduce these incidents? Please indicate whether the State party intends to review its position with regard to legislation explicitly prohibiting racist organizations, in line with article 4 of the Convention.

Article 5

13. Please provide more detailed information on the rights of persons whose deportation is imminent under the amended Act on Special Control in Respect of Aliens. What is the proceeding subsequent to a Migration Court of Appeal decision that a deportation is to be halted *until further notice*? (5(a))
14. What measures are being taken by the State party to address the situation of uncertainty regarding Sami land and reindeer breeding rights? In particular, how does the State party address the problems arising out of persisting land disputes between Sami and non-Sami settlers, which had regularly resulted in the denial of the use of pastures for Sami communities by Swedish courts? Furthermore, please provide information on the cases concerning Sami rights that are currently considered by the European Court of Human Rights. (5(d)(v), 5(e)(vi))
15. Please indicate whether the reports of the Boundary Commission as well as the study on hunting and fishing rights, both submitted in early 2006, have been reviewed by the Government, and if so, with what results? If the review is still ongoing, what date is set for the finalization of the review? Also, please inform the Committee on the current status concerning the ratification process of ILO Convention No. 169? (5(d)(v))

16. Please provide information on policies aimed at ensuring a regionally balanced settlement of migrants within the State party's territory. In this context, please explain why a total number of 6000 persons of Iraqi origin have been permitted to settle in the community of Södertälje, resulting in a considerable strain on local facilities and services. Are steps being taken to resolve this and similar situations? Does the Swedish Government play an active role in offering appropriate incentives for the dispersal of immigrants and asylum seekers so as to spread the burden among local communities and facilitate the integration of migrants? (5(d), 5(e))
17. Please provide detailed information on strategies to improve the situation of members of the Roma community, in particular regarding housing and access to public places, and on their effectiveness. Please also provide further information on the mandate of the Delegation for Roma issues and its relationship to the Council for Roma Issues. (5(e))
18. Have the measures undertaken following the findings of the Swedish Integration Board in its 2005 report been effective in granting foreign born persons greater access to the employment market? Please indicate whether the pilot project on anonymous job applications and the study on recruitment have already yielded results, and if so, what lessons have been learned? Please also provide more detailed information on the measures taken to create better conditions for elected representatives of foreign background. (5(e)(i))
19. Please provide more information on the health and discrimination project and on any follow-up measures. Please also provide detailed information on equal access to health care by members of the Sami community. (5(e)(iv))
20. What measures are being implemented by the State party in order to address the insufficient knowledge among members of the Sami community about the possibility to receive mother-tongue tuition? Please also provide information on the difficulty to recruit teachers, the lack of funding and the shortage of teaching material, which allegedly impede mother-tongue tuition for Sami children. (5(e)(v), 5(e)(vi))
21. What is the current status of the draft Nordic Sami Convention and its prospects of being adopted? Which actors are involved or have been consulted in the drafting process? (5(e)(vi))