

**COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION
OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
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QUESTIONS PUT BY THE RAPPORTEUR

**IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF THE COMBINED 17TH
AND 18TH PERIODIC REPORTS OF NORWAY**

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Composition of the population

1. Please provide detailed updated data, if any, regarding the ethnic characteristics of the population including the East Sami people and the socio-economic status of members of the various ethnic groups in the State party (previous concluding observations, para.8).

Article 1

2. Please comment further on the fact that the Anti-Discrimination Act will cover discrimination on the ground of ethnicity but not 'race' (previous concluding observations, para.9 and State report, para.10). Is the State party satisfied that the Act is fully in line with article 1 of the Convention?

Article 2

3. Please elaborate on the procedures for consulting the Sami Parliament whenever consideration is given to legislative or administrative measures which may affect the Sami population in the State party (previous concluding observations, para.18 and State report, para.67).

4. According to the State report, “the Government will consider measures to combat discriminatory attitudes and ethnic harassment of the Sami minority.” Please indicate what measures the State party has already decided and taken, if any, since the submission of its report. Please also provide information on the outcome of the special survey on the Sami people’s own experience of racism and discrimination (State report, para.98).
5. Please clarify whether the Exit programme which aims at helping young people who wish to leave racist and nationalist groups, is still ongoing. What is the duration of the programme and what follow-up procedure to it is being envisaged? (State report, paras.154 and 155).

Article 4

6. Please provide examples of case law, if any, where the amended version of article 135a of the Penal Code has been applied by Norwegian courts (State report, paras.20 to 22).
7. Please indicate whether the State party envisages adopting legislation explicitly prohibiting racist organisations, in line with article 4 (b) of the Convention (previous concluding observations, para.12 and State report, para.24).
8. Please explain whether the finding provided to the Urban Youth Projects programme has resulted in the elimination of any neo-Nazi groups in Oslo and the restoration of security in any affected neighbourhood. (State report, para.153).

Article 5

9. Please provide information on measures taken to preserve the culture of the East Sami people. Please also explain the reasons why the Finnmark

Act does not address the special situation of the East Sami people (State report, para.371).

10. To what extent does the 1978 Reindeer Husbandry Act assist in securing respect for Sami reindeer-herding customs and traditions? Please comment on the prospects for the continuation of this important cultural activity in light of construction and development projects in Norway.
11. Please provide further information on the joint project of the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development and the Finnmark County Council to develop the Sami legal language in the context of the establishment of the Inner Finnmark District Court (State report, para.182).
12. A high incidence of discriminatory police stops of persons based on their apparent ethnic origin has been reported. What measures has the State party taken to put an end to this situation?
13. Please provide statistical data, if any, on the number and origin of victims of trafficking, as well as information on the assistance provided to victims of trafficking, especially women. Please explain whether trafficked persons with forged documents may face expulsion or sanctions if they report to the police.
14. It is reported that under the Immigration Act a non-citizen may be remanded in custody on the mere suspicion of having provided a false identity and that there is no maximum time limit for the period of custody. It is also reported that some non-citizens have been remanded for more than one year. Please comment. According to the State report, “many municipalities do not provide sufficient protection from infection in health services for asylum-seekers, refugees and persons reunified with their families”. Please indicate any specific measures taken to put an end to this situation (State report, para.235).

15. Please elaborate further on the results of the Equal Education In Practice Plan, which is designed to promote a coherent approach to efforts targeting children and young people from minority backgrounds in educational institutions (State report, para.273).
16. Please provide information on the measures adopted to reduce the upper secondary education drop-out rate of immigrant children (State report, para.263).
17. Does the Anti-Discrimination Act include adequate provisions to combat discrimination in relation to access to places intended for use by the general public (previous concluding observations, para.15)?

Article 6

18. Please elaborate on the ‘new routines’ for handling complaints against the police before the Special Police Investigation Commission (State report, paras.168 and 169).
19. Please elaborate on the role, competences and activities of the Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud. Please provide examples of any cases which have been brought to it to date and information on their outcome (State report, paras.9, 16, 17 and 18).

Article 7

20. Please provide information on whether there are any specific training programmes and courses for members of the judiciary, law enforcement officials, teachers, social workers and other public officials on the provisions of the Convention and their application. Please also specify whether courses focusing on racism and discrimination are currently compulsory in the basic curriculum of the Police Academy (previous concluding observations, para.17). Please also indicate whether the State party has taken any steps to sensitize the police officers at all levels to the

relevant legislation and the correct procedure to follow complaint of racial discrimination.

21. Please elaborate on the establishment of the Norwegian Centre for national Human Rights. What is its role regarding human rights education in the field of combating racial discrimination? (State report, para.347).
22. Please explain the reasons why the Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs no longer finance the project ‘Show Racism Red Card’ and whether a successor to this project is being envisaged? (State report, para.362).

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