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Note du secrétariat

Le secrétariat du Conseil des droits de l'homme a l'honneur de transmettre une communication soumise par l'Institution nationale des droits de l'homme de la Finlande**, reproduite ci-après conformément à l'article 7 b) du Règlement intérieur figurant dans l'annexe de la résolution 5/1 du Conseil, qui dispose que la participation des institutions nationales des droits de l'homme s'exerce selon les modalités et les pratiques que la Commission des droits de l'homme a arrêtées, notamment dans sa résolution 2005/74, du 20 avril 2005.

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Annexe

Communication de l’Institution nationale finlandaise des droits de l’homme

Mr. President,

1. This statement is made on behalf of the Finnish Human Rights Centre, representing the National Human Rights Institution of Finland¹.
2. We welcome the adoption of Finland’s fourth UPR report. We thank the Government for the open dialogue with us, and the civil society during the preparations for UPR but regret that due to lack of resources, no hearing was organised before Finland gave its responses to the recommendations.
3. Finland continued to receive several recommendations to better tackle discrimination, hate speech, hate crimes and domestic and gender-based violence. The Government accepted many of the recommendations but noted some related to prompt investigation measures and identification of cases. The Finnish Human Rights Centre wishes to underline that ensuring efficient criminal procedures and access to justice of victims should be a priority of any initiative aiming to strengthen rule of law in Finland.
4. Furthermore, the situation of the Sami was considered in several of the recommendations. Finland accepted the recommendations to reform the Sami Parliament Act. As the rights of indigenous peoples are a priority in Finland’s foreign policy, the Government needs to ensure that this is equally reflected in its actions at national level.
5. Finally, parliamentary elections are approaching in Finland. The Government should consider the role of the Parliament in contributing to the implementation of UPR recommendations, and more generally to the discussion on the state of human rights in Finland.
6. In conclusion, the Finnish Human Rights Centre is committed to working with the Government to ensure the implementation of recommendations and will continue its own monitoring role.

Thank you, Mr. President.

¹ Finnish National Human Rights Institution is comprised of the Finnish Human Rights Centre (HRC), its Human Rights Delegation and the Parliamentary Ombudsman of Finland. Finland’s NHRI has been accredited with A-status since 2014.