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List of themes to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the nineteenth and twentieth periodic reports of Norway (CERD/C/NOR/19-20)

The following is a list of themes identified by the Country Rapporteur in connection with the consideration of the nineteenth and twentieth periodic reports of Norway. The list is meant to guide the dialogue between the State party delegation and the Committee and *does not require written replies*. This is not an exhaustive list as other issues will be raised in the course of the dialogue.

1. The Convention in domestic law, national legal framework (arts. 1 and 2):

(a) Status of incorporation of the Convention at a higher level in domestic legislation, through the Human Rights Act of 1999, in order to ensure the primacy of the Convention over domestic legislation in case of conflict (para. 14*);

(b) Updated information on the process of amending the Anti-Discrimination Act to include discrimination on the grounds of race in order to fully bring it in line with article 1 of the Convention (para. 15).

2. Indigenous peoples and minorities (arts. 2, 5 and 6):

(a) Measures taken to address the special situation of the East Sami people, in particular regarding access to land for reindeer grazing in the Neiden area. Updated information on the white paper on discrimination against members of Sami communities, on the Nordic Sami Convention and on the Finnmark Commission (para. 17);

(b) Measures to ensure that Sami language instruction is adequately organized, with sufficient Sami language teaching materials and teaching staff;

* Paragraph numbers in brackets refer to the previous concluding observations adopted by the Committee, published under symbol CERD/C/NOR/CO/18.

(c) Availability, training and use of qualified and professional interpreters, especially in the medical and legal fields, for indigenous languages and those spoken by members of minority groups and non-citizens;

(d) Measures taken to integrate children from the Roma communities, in particular from itinerant families, into the educational system.

3. Situation of non-citizens, including immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees (arts. 2, 5 and 6):

(a) Measures taken to facilitate access to citizenship and remove barriers to naturalization for non-citizens, including long-term and permanent residents (para. 19);

(b) Measures to eliminate discrimination against non-citizens regarding employment, working conditions, housing, health care and access to public places of entertainment. Measures taken in particular to address immigrants' high rates of dropout from upper secondary education (para. 20);

(c) Racial profiling and use of force by police, border control and immigration officials, including discriminatory police stops of persons based on their apparent ethnic origin;

(d) Current number of non-citizens detained under the Immigration Act, and the duration of their detention (para. 18);

(e) Measures taken to ensure adequate legal standards and safeguards in the handling of asylum cases;

(f) Measures taken to improve conditions at the Trandum Detention Centre for asylum-seekers. Conditions, including access to health services, at the Lier and Fagerli departure centres for rejected asylum-seekers;

(g) Information on access by asylum-seekers, refugees and other non-citizens to adequate physical and mental health services (para. 21).

4. Prohibition against the promotion of or incitement to racial hatred and discrimination, and judicial remedies (arts. 4 and 6):

(a) Consideration of introducing explicit legal provisions in national legislation banning racist organizations (para. 16);

(b) Availability of comprehensive data on the incidence of racist violence, hate crimes and hateful expressions/speech targeting certain minority groups;

(c) Reporting of hate crimes, data collection and follow-up by law enforcement and judicial authorities. Data on the registration of complaints regarding racism and discrimination, including against police, and on investigations;

(d) Measures taken to ensure legal assistance for victims of racial discrimination.

5. Education and training (art. 7):

(a) Measures taken to increase awareness, among relevant government officials, judges and police, of international standards concerning discrimination, racist expressions and hate crimes;

(b) Information on media campaigns undertaken to combat racism, xenophobia and related intolerance.