

Responses to Recommendations

POLAND

Review in the Working Group: 14 April 2008

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Poland' responses to recommendations:

In the Report of the Working Group:	In the Addendum:	During the plenary:	Recommendations pending responses:	Summary:
No response, all pending	The 29 pending REC were commented but no clear position was given	No additional information provided	None	Accepted: 0 Rejected: 0 No clear position: 29 Pending: 0

List of recommendations contained in Section II of the Report of the Working Group A/HRC/8/30:

“54. In the course of the discussion, the following recommendations were made to Poland:

- 1. Recommended to Poland to endorse the recommendations made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Human Rights Committee on the adoption of legislative measures to ensure compliance of national legislation with the principles and provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Angola);
- 2. While noting the measures taken by Poland to address the continuing occurrence of violence against children, recommended that measures be taken by the Government to ensure the sufficient legal protection of the freedom of children from physical or mental violence (Sweden);
- 3. Encouraged Poland to continue its efforts to ensure compliance of its domestic legislation with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, specifically with regard to juvenile justice (Mexico);
- 4. Recommended that Poland set a date for the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (France);
- 5. Recommended to Poland to consider forming twinning relationships or partnerships with countries that have been through a process of legal reforms on minority issues to work closely with them on the legal, technical and institutional challenges involved in introducing change (United Kingdom);

- 6. Recommended to Poland to adopt an anti-discrimination law that would ensure equal treatment and non-discrimination on any grounds, including sexual orientation and gender identity (Slovenia, United Kingdom and Sweden);
- 7. Encouraged Poland to continue its efforts to address the issues of overcrowding of prisons and delays in court proceedings (Republic of Korea);
- 8. Urged Poland to give priority to the implementation of outstanding necessary improvements of prisons conditions (Denmark);
- 9. Having studied all the background information, recommended that a national programme to combat overcrowding in prisons be developed in order to bring Polish places of detention into line with international standards (Russian Federation);
- 10. Called upon Poland to alleviate the overcrowding of detention centres and to review the conditions of detention centres so that they are in conformity with minimum international standards. Also, recommended that limits be set for pre-trial detention, according to minimum international standards (Algeria);
- 11. Recommended to systematically and continuously integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up process to the review (Slovenia);
- 12. Urged Poland to implement the recommendations made by the Human Rights Committee and the Committee against Torture to put in place legislative measures to sanction manifestations of repeated hate speech and intolerance (Slovenia);
- 13. While enquiring about the status of the legislative proposal aimed at “punishing anyone who promotes homosexuality or any other deviance of a sexual nature in education establishment”, recommended to withdraw it if it has not yet been done (Slovenia);
- 14. Recommended reinstating the Office of the Government Plenipotentiary for the Equality of Men and Women or a similar governmental structure to serve as an effective mechanism at the highest possible political level for the promotion of gender equality and to coordinate the integration of gender perspective across all sectors (Slovenia);
- 15. Recommended to Poland that laws on press offences be liberalized (Slovenia);
- 16. While commending the Government on the measures already taken, in particular the draft act on equal treatment, the system of human rights advisers, and related research and training, recommended that steps continue to be taken by Poland to follow up on the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee (Canada);
- 17. Recommended to Poland to ensure that human rights defenders, in particular groups campaigning for equality and against discrimination based on perceived sexual orientation, are allowed to carry out their work in a secure environment, and that the rights to freedom of expression and association are respected (Canada);
- 18. While commending the Government for the measures already taken in combating violence against women, recommended that steps continue to be taken to follow up on the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee and CEDAW (Canada);
- 19. Encouraged Poland to use a comprehensive approach to the promotion of gender equality, in particular by adopting a comprehensive law on gender equality as recommended by the CEDAW (Austria);
- 20. Recommended that Poland publish the results of the study carried out by the Government in order to detect on Polish territory any secret detention centres for foreign citizens accused of terrorist activities (Russian Federation);

- 21. Recommended that Poland ensure that adequate measures provided for in the law on lustration comply with Polish obligations under fundamental international human rights instruments (Russian Federation);
- 22. Recommended to Poland to continue to promote the participation of women in the public and political life of the country until they have gradually achieved a level of gender equality (Cuba);
- 23. Encouraged Poland to intensify its efforts to fight against all forms of discrimination, be it racial, national or social, and to promote and protect dignity and equality which are the guiding principles of concrete and effective implementation of human rights (Cameroon);
- 24. Invited Poland, to the extent possible, to ensure that practical policies in the area of immigration be geared to the standards set forth by the principles enshrined in the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW) and recommended Poland to ratify the Convention (Mexico);
- 25. While noting the efforts to strengthen the judiciary, encouraged Poland to make legal amendments that will make it possible to effectively prosecute offences related to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatments (Mexico);
- 26. Invited Poland to consider the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as well as its Optional Protocol (Mexico);
- 27. Recommended that Poland fulfil the recommendation, elaborated on in paragraph 2 of the OHCHR summary, made by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, who in 2007 called upon Poland to enact a comprehensive body of anti-discrimination legislation and to set up a body to combat discrimination (Algeria);
- 28. Recommended that Poland give adequate training and instruction to law enforcing bodies and to the judiciary on how to address complaints stemming from racially motivated crimes (Algeria);
- 29. Recommended that Poland continue to use “Human Rights Advisers” to the police in the future and share experiences on this measure with other interested States (Austria).

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