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Statements made by State under review at the HRC under item 6 after the adoption of the UPR report

Country: Sweden (First Cycle, 2010)

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“Sweden’s long-term commitment to human rights is also manifested through our financial support. Sweden has increased its core contribution to the OHCHR, providing more than 10million US dollars, annually. We have also recently decided to support the UPR Fund for Participation, the UNDG Human Rights Mainstreaming Mechanism, the UN Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations. Mr. President, the Mid-Term Report outlines the progress achieved in implementing the recommendations Sweden accepted during its UPR review in May 2010. The many steps taken can be studied more in detail in the report, but let me just highlight a few of them. Sweden’s Constitution has been revised to give explicit recognition to the Sami as an indigenous people. The negotiations of the Nordic Sami Convention have also been initiated. A long-term strategy for Roma inclusion has recently been launched. A number of legislative measures and other policy initiatives are currently being implemented to combat men’s violence against women. A framework agreement on asylum and migration policy has been reached. And, finally, later this year, the proposal on international crimes will be presented to the Swedish parliament. Civil society, including organizations representing the Sami indigenous people and Sweden’s other national minorities, have been consulted during the preparations of this Mid-Term Report.”