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Submission to the Universal Periodic Review of Norway from the Equality and Anti-discrimination Ombud

The Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud (the Ombud) was established on 1 January 2006. The mandate of the Ombud follows from the Anti-Discrimination Ombud Act 2005. The Ombud shall oppose discrimination and promote equality, regardless of factors such as gender, ethnicity, functional ability, language, religion, sexual orientation and age. The Ombud is professionally independent, but is administratively placed under the Ministry of Children and Equality.

The Ombud handle and document discrimination cases, monitor and provide guidance on the legal duty to promote equality, participate in public policy hearings, interact with civil society organisations, and monitor that the authorities implement the provisions of the UN conventions the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The Ombud submits its own report to the UPR, in addition to being a consultative party to the submission of the National Human Rights Institution.

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