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**Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted
by States parties under article 9 of the Convention**

List of themes in relation to the combined twenty-first and twenty-second periodic reports of Norway (CERD/C/NOR/21-22)

Note by the Country Rapporteur

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session (A/65/18, para. 85) that the Country Rapporteur would send to the State party concerned a short list of themes with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State party's report. This document contains a list of such themes. This is not an exhaustive list; other issues may also be raised in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required.

1. Degree to which the Convention is reflected in domestic law and the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 2, 4 and 6)

(a) Measures taken to accord primacy to the Convention over national legislation in the domestic legal order (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 7; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 11). Information on the application of the Convention by Norwegian courts and tribunals.

(b) Compliance of the new Anti-Discrimination Act with article 1 of the Convention; lack of the mention of "race" as a ground for discrimination (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 8; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 12).

(c) Update on progress in establishing a new national human rights institution that fully complies with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles) (CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 80; HRI/CORE/NOR/2013, paras. 127–130).

(d) Progress on the adoption and implementation of the new action plan to promote equality and prevent ethnic discrimination. Evaluation of and results achieved

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under the previous action plan, which covered the period 2009–2012 (CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 76).

(e) Information on compliance of the State party's legislation with all elements of article 4 of the Convention (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 21).

(f) Effective measures to prevent hate speech, inter alia, by political representatives and in the media, including on the Internet. Impact and results of the "No hate speech" campaign launched by the State party (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 21; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, paras. 60–61).

(g) Statistical data on hate crimes and progress made to improve the collection of data related to hate crimes. Statistical data on the number of complaints, investigations, prosecutions, cases dismissed and reasons for dismissal, condemnations and reparation provided to victims for acts of racial discrimination (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 21; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 58).

(h) Update on discussions relating to the granting of free legal aid in cases of racial discrimination on the recommendation of the anti-discrimination ombudsman and the anti-discrimination tribunal (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 14; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 41).

2. Discrimination against non-citizens, including migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (arts. 2 and 4–7)

(a) Enforcement of the new Anti-Discrimination Act with regard to access of non-citizens and immigrants to housing, employment, public services, health-care services and education (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 9; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, paras. 14 and 15; HRI/CORE/NOR/2013, paras. 239–248). Implementation of the national strategy for the health of immigrants 2013–2017 (CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 17) and the action plan for the period 2013–2016 entitled "We need the skills of immigrants", as well as results achieved by initiatives taken to promote equality and the integration of immigrants into Norwegian society (CERD/C/NOR/21-22, paras. 18–22, 105–107, 112, 113 and 117–123).

(b) Update on the process for granting asylum-seeking minors who are over compulsory school age (16 years old) the right to primary and lower secondary education, as well as on the right to upper secondary education for all asylum seekers (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 12; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, paras. 28, 29 and 34).

(c) Access to health-care services by irregular migrants.

(d) Racially motivated speech targeting immigrants.

(e) Measures to prevent racial profiling by the police and customs and immigration officers; the impact of the awareness-raising programme of the Norwegian Police Directorate and of the Directorate's police dialogue forum (CERD/C/NOR/21-22, paras. 87 and 88).

3. Situation of Roma and Romani/Tater families (arts. 2–7)

(a) Updated information on the implementation of and the results achieved by the Action Plan to Improve Living Conditions for Roma in Oslo regarding equal access to health-care and social services, public places, housing, employment and education and to counter racial discrimination against Roma (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 20; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, paras. 54 and 55).

(b) Findings and recommendations of the committee tasked by the Government in 2011 with assessing the implementation of policies affecting Romani people/Taters (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 20; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 55).

(c) Practical measures to prevent the high level of absenteeism of Roma children and ensure the effective integration of such children into the education system in spite of their community's lifestyle (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 20; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 56).

4. Situation of Sami peoples (arts. 2 and 5)

(a) Updated information on the outcome of all proposals made by the Sami Rights Committee with regard to Sami land rights in and south of Troms county and amendments to legislation on the extraction of minerals, including details of how Sami are being consulted on all these projects (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 19; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 53).

(b) Measures to enable Eastern Sami to preserve their reindeer grazing rights and activities (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 18; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 49).

(c) Implementation of and results achieved by the Action Plan for Sami Languages. Additional measures to improve instruction in the Sami languages (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 18; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, paras. 51 and 144). Update on the results of the Finnmark Commission's assessment of Eastern Sami land claims (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20, para. 18; CERD/C/NOR/21-22, para. 52).
