



Pledge submitted by Sweden to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Sweden will continue to strengthen initiatives to combat racism, in all its forms, and to promote freedom of expression and freedom of religion or belief. This includes dialogue with faith communities in Sweden and follow-up on the visit of the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief to Sweden in October.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: With a view to strengthening human rights in Sweden, the government pledges to step up its efforts to combat sexual, gender-based and honour-based violence. Sweden will present a new action plan to that effect, which will cover the work for the coming three years.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2026

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Sweden will continue to support Ukraine and its efforts to uphold human rights. The government has recently adopted a new strategy for reconstruction and reform cooperation with Ukraine, the largest Swedish bilateral strategy so far. In the strategy there is a strong focus on human rights, democracy, the rule of law, and gender equality – values that are guiding Sweden and the European Union. The strategy also has an important component regarding accountability. Holding Russia accountable for its violations of international law remains a top priority for Sweden.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2027

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: Sweden pledges to put significant efforts behind the implementation of the newly adopted ten-year national action plan for sexual and reproductive health and rights in the country.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2033