

To the Human Rights Committee

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The Coalition of Finnish Women's Associations NYTKIS's contribution to CCPR – Finnish 7th national report

The Coalition of Finnish Women's Associations NYTKIS thanks for the opportunity to contribute to the Finnish 7th national report. Our remarks below reflect our preceding statement submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs prior to Finland publishing the national CCPR report.

In general, NYTKIS notes that the Finnish 7th CCPR report takes note of gendered hate speech but could take even more note of gender and discrimination thorough the report. We are pleased to note that the Finnish report has adopted many of our concerns and that the input of NGO's is evident.

A few considerations on the report:

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52. We are following when the Government Programme goal is taking action: gender will be added to the hate speech grounds for increasing the punishment in Chapter 6, section 5 of the Criminal Code.

53. The proposal of legislation is in the Parliament at the moment and in advance.

60-62. Gendered hate speech, Gender equality barometer, role of companies and lack of studies mentioned as we proposed in our statement on the national report in 2019.

124. NGOs have expressed concern that NAPE has no representatives from NGOs and that the body does not have adequate resources. – **Has there been any action to reply on this issue?**

132. According to the Government Programme, the definition of rape in the Criminal Code will be amended so as to be based on lack of consent, with a view to legal protection of the victim. – **It's in advance, we are following the process.**

136. It is important that this is in progress and the more SERI centres are founded across the nation. Further development needs to be made in terms of availability of services and reaching certain groups such as male victims.