

In the constructive dialogue on the 18 February 2016 between the Cedaw Committee and the Swedish Government, a Committee member asked the Swedish delegation to deliver an explanation to the text provided in section 377 in the 8th and 9th periodic report by Sweden.

The main point of section 377 is the following:

Before 1 June 2009 the Swedish Government did not have an overall responsibility for the provision of ID cards to all inhabitants in Sweden. ID cards were then provided by other actors. One of the actors providing ID cards, the Swedish Cashier Service, introduced stricter requirements for ID cards in 2007, which made it more difficult for certain persons to obtain ID cards. As a result, the Government appointed an investigation with the task to suggest methods that would ensure that persons who are not Swedish citizens, but entitled residence in Sweden, will obtain ID cards.

As a result of this investigation the Government developed the Ordinance on ID cards for Persons Registered in Sweden. Since 1 June 2009 the Swedish Tax Agency, issues ID cards to persons registered in Sweden. These ID cards can be issued also to non-Swedish citizens.