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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 twenty-fourth to twenty-sixth
periodic reports of Finland****Note by the Country Rapporteur**

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session (see 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. The present document contains a list of such themes. It is not an exhaustive list; other issues may also be raised in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required.

**Legal, institutional and public policy framework for combating racial discrimination
(arts. 2–7)**

2. Results of the third and fourth National Action Plans on Fundamental and Human Rights, the Action Plan to Combat Racism and Promote Good Relations, the "All in for Equality" Project and the 2020–2022 National Discrimination Monitoring System (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, para. 5; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 25–32).

3. Caseload, resources and follow-up to recommendations of the Non-Discrimination Ombudsman and the National Non-Discrimination and Equality Tribunal, and efforts to strengthen their mandate and independence (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, para. 5; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 128, 264).

4. Effects of recent amendments to the Non-Discrimination Act, including reassigning the duty to adopt early childhood education equality plans from providers to municipalities (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, para. 3; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 21–24).

Hate speech and hate crimes (art. 4)

5. Measures to define and criminalize hate speech and hate crimes under the Non-Discrimination Act, the Criminal Code and other legislation, in line with articles 1 and 4 of the Convention (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, para. 10; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 90–100).

6. Effectiveness of legal, institutional and policy frameworks to prevent and condemn hate speech, hate crimes and incitement to hatred, including in the media, online and by public officials and politicians (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 10–11; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 90–103).

7. Updated statistics on cases of racial discrimination, including racist hate speech and hate crimes, including number of complaints received, investigations opened, prosecutions, convictions, sanctions imposed and compensation awarded to victims, disaggregated by ground of discrimination, and information on efforts to address underreporting (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 8–9, 11; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 100, 236, 265).

8. Measures to ensure law enforcement and other officials do not engage in racial discrimination, including racially motivated violence and racial profiling (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, para. 11; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 105, 265).

Situation of the Sámi (arts. 2-7)

9. Implementation of the reformed Act on the Sámi Parliament, which entered into force on 1 August 2025, including how it gives effect to Sámi self-determination, and follow-up to the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Concerning the Sámi People (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 14–15; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 72, 150–156).

10. Measures to ensure the free, prior and informed consent of the Sámi in projects affecting their traditional lands and resources, particularly green-transition and mining projects (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 16–17; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 205–215).

11. Efforts to protect Sámi livelihoods, including reindeer husbandry, fishing and hunting, including from the impacts of climate change (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 16–17; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 203–209).

12. Plans to resume consideration of ratifying the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) of the International Labour Organization (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 17, 26; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, para. 260).

13. Progress in implementing the Action Plan for the Revitalisation of the Sámi Languages and efforts to ensure Sámi-language instruction outside the Sámi homeland (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 18–19; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 191–196).

Situation of Roma and other ethnic minorities (arts. 2-7)

14. Results of the third National Roma Policy (2023–2030), particularly in combating antigypsyism and discrimination against Roma in employment, housing and education, and revitalising the Romani language (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 12–13; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 173–186).

15. Measures to combat racial discrimination against people of African descent, Russian- and Estonian-speakers, Muslims and other minorities in employment (particularly women perceived as of foreign background), housing, education, healthcare and interactions with law enforcement, and to ensure access to effective remedies (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 10, 20–21; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 217–228, 247–250, 263–265).

16. Efforts to combat bullying of ethnic minority children in schools, including sufficient training for administrators and teachers (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 22–23; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 71, 88).

17. Measures to address reportedly higher rates of gender-based violence, including honour-based violence, against women and girls from ethnic minorities (CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 112–117).

Situation of non-citizens, including migrants, asylum seekers and refugees (arts. 5–7)

18. Recent or proposed legislative changes affecting non-citizens, including the Citizenship Act, the Act on Temporary Measures to Combat Instrumentalised Migration, the Reception Act, the Aliens Act and refugee quotas, and their impact on asylum-seekers, migrants and refugees (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 24–25; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 60–66, 169).

19. Updated statistics on asylum applications and outcomes, disaggregated by country of origin, and on the duration of administrative detention and the number of asylum seekers,

including children, held in police facilities (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 24–25; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 162–165, 170–171).

20. Measures to ensure effective access to affordable and adequate healthcare, employment, family reunification and justice for asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, paras. 24–25; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 60, 169, 232–233).

21. Efforts to collaborate with and support civil society organisations, including migrant-led organisations (CERD/C/FIN/CO/23, para. 29; CERD/C/FIN/24-26, paras. 251–256, 266).
