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Compilation of recommendations from additional submission the Finnish Human Rights Centre/NHRI for the consideration of State Report – Finland – 93rd Pre-sessional WG

Compilation of recommendations

Reference is made also to all previously made recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Human Rights education and knowledge

- The HRC urges the government to ensure that civil servants have adequate human rights knowledge and to monitor the implementation of the guidelines systematically. The HRC notes that the implementation of the guidelines can be improved by mandatory human rights training to the civil servants.
- The HRC recommends that the Government implement mandatory human rights training for civil servants to ensure that human rights impact assessments, including those pertaining to children's rights, are integrated into the law drafting process.

Implementation and impact

- The HRC recommends that the Government closely monitors the implementation and impact of the law on the rights of children with disabilities and takes necessary corrective measures, if required.

Barnahus

- The HRC calls for the Government to secure permanent funding for Barnahus to ensure its institutionalisation and sustainability.
- The HRC urges the Government to extend the pilot program in Turku Seri Support Centre to all Seri Support Centres by adding a Barnahus employee to provide services to victims of sexual violence aged 13 to 16.

FGM

- The HRC recommends that Finland explicitly criminalises FGM.

Inclusion

- The HRC recommends strengthening the competence of teachers and educational staff in inclusive education and its implementation, including needs of children in autism spectrum.
- The HRC urges the Government to provide schools with sufficient resources so that they can take adequate support measures to organise inclusive education, and that there is as little turnover as possible.
- The HRC recommends the Government to ensure support for children with disabilities also outside classroom, so that they have the opportunity to form friendships and be included in the society.

Undocumented children

- The HRC recommends that the Government ensures the right of undocumented children to early childhood education throughout the country.

Mental health services

- The HRC recommends that the Government provides researched information on the availability of psychiatric and mental health services in general and for children in specific and ensures the availability of those services for all children.

Optional Protocol - SC

- The HRC recommends that the Government implements the recommendations given in the Country Overview on Lanzarote Convention and especially those concerning the continuously increasing online sexual abuse and exploitation of children.
