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Functioning of NHRIs under review: Norwegian National Human Rights Institution (NIM)

As a member of Nims Advisory Committee, The Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud (LDO) and The Norwegian Ombudsperson for Children (BO) would like to submit a few observations regarding the functioning of the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution.

The following observations are meant as supplements to the observations made by the Norwegian Bar Association and other members of NIMs Advisory Committee, in letter 1st of June.

1. With Reference to Point 1 in the notes from the Sub Committee on Accreditation (SCA) 23. March 2017, the LDO and the BO propose that the responsibility for promoting ratification of human rights instruments be included in the Act as an explicit responsibility established in the Paris Principles. This proposal is in line with the recommendations that have already been addressed to Parliament by NIM.
2. With Reference to Point 2 in the SCA-notes, the LDO and the BO are pleased to report that the cooperation between the LDO and the NIM is functioning very well and has also increased during the last two years. One example is that the NIM, together with the LDO and civil society has initiated and established a network for dialog with the authorities for improving the implementation of prioritized UN human rights Concluding observations to Norway.
3. With Reference to Point 3 in the SCA-notes, the LDO would suggest that the NIM Act should give a more explicit reference to the principle of pluralism and broad representation of the social forces of civil society in appointment processes. This would be in line with the recommendations that have already been addressed to Parliament by NIM.

Yours sincerely

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