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The Special Rapporteurs  
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Communication  
AL SWE 3/2025

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### Joint Communication from Special Procedures

Reference: AL SWE 3/2025

Dear Special Rapporteurs,

1. I have the honour of referring to the Joint Communication of 17 December 2025 in which the Swedish Government is invited to submit observations regarding certain matters relating to the Truth Commission for the Sami People (“the Truth Commission” or “the Commission”). On behalf of the Swedish Government, I have the privilege to submit the following in response to the invitation.

#### 1. Additional information

2. The Government has no information or comments to provide on the matters referred to in the Joint Communication beyond the observations set out below.

#### 2. Composition of the Truth Commission and pending appointments

3. The Truth Commission is currently composed of nine members and a Chair. The Government decision pursuant to which the Commission was established and given its terms of reference stipulates only a maximum number of members, thirteen, and is silent on the matter of the members’ areas of expertise. The Government notes, however, that the current members of the Commission represent a broad range of competencies and experiences relevant to the

Commission's scope and mandate, including those mentioned in the Joint Communication. It has been assessed that the current composition is adequate for the Commission to fulfil its mandate in accordance with the terms of reference. There is therefore no process pending for the appointment of any further members.

4. It is essential for the Swedish Government that the Truth Commission is provided with the most favourable conditions to complete its mission. The Commission is free to carry out its work as it sees most appropriate and may consult or involve any individual or organisation deemed relevant to the process.

### 3. The resources of the Truth Commission

5. It has been assessed that the Truth Commission has sufficient resources to carry out its mandate, including the necessary technical, financial and political support. In addition to the budget allocations set out in the Government's response to the earlier Joint Communication AL SWE 1/2025, additional funding was provided in 2025 at the Commission's request. Furthermore, the Commission has been allocated the necessary funding for 2026 to enable it to fulfil its extended mandate.

### 4. Mechanism to support and monitor implementation

6. As the Truth Commission operates independently from the Government and will deliver its report upon the conclusion of its mandate, it is not yet known what recommendations will be presented. The Government therefore awaits the report and will subsequently decide on the appropriate course of action.

7. The Government remains at the disposal of the Special Rapporteurs, should any further information be requested.

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Yours sincerely,

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