

**THEMATIC COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUBMITTED
BY SWEDEN**

ARTICLE 10 UNCAC

PUBLIC REPORTING

SWEDEN (SIXTH MEETING)

Public reporting (art. 10)

In order to guarantee an open society where the general public has access to information about the activities of the Riksdag (Swedish parliament), the Government and government agencies, the principle of public access to official documents has been incorporated in one of the fundamental laws, the Freedom of the Press Act. This openness gives Swedish people the right to study public documents, a right which may be exercised when they so wish.

All documents received or dispatched letters, decisions and reports are in principle defined as public documents and must be made available for anyone to read. Court sessions are public, as are meetings of decision-making assemblies.

The principle of public access to official documents also means that government officials and other central and local government employees are free to divulge information, in other words they are entitled to say what they know concerning a matter to the media and other external parties.

An official document is a document containing information of some kind: a text, picture or information stored on some other medium, for example a computer. The general public is entitled to access a document kept at a public authority which has been received by the authority or drawn up there. Under the basic rule, public documents must be available for anyone to read. Memos and draft decisions are not normally regarded as public documents.

3. Do you require technical assistance in relation to the measures described above?

No.