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Summary of Finnish local government and human rights - Response to the questionnaire

Dear Ms Ramkaun,

Thank you for sending us the questionnaire and for the interest you have shown in human rights at local level in Finland. We are attaching a file containing a short summary of some of the main aspects of the role of Finnish local government in the promotion of human rights. Please note that the summary is not inclusive. This information is provided on the behalf of the Finnish local government as the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities represents all the municipalities, towns and cities of Finland.

In this brief response to your questionnaire we provide information about the role of local governments as democratic units, public authorities and providers of services. In addition to this, local authorities are important employers. Due to time constraints we were, unfortunately, unable to provide more information on this subject in our response. We appreciate an opportunity to elaborate more on different aspects at a later time.

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Yours sincerely

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