

**TARGETED STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION 2023 RULE OF LAW REPORT
UN HUMAN RIGHTS REGIONAL OFFICE FOR EUROPE (OHCHR)**

SWEDEN REVIEW

IV. Other institutional issues related to checks and balances

A. The process for preparing and enacting laws

Framework, policy and use of impact assessments and evidence based policy-making, stakeholders'/public consultations (particularly consultation of judiciary and other relevant stakeholders on judicial reforms), and transparency and quality of the legislative process

In February 2022, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment entered into a dialogue with Sweden, expressing concern at alleged violations of the rights of the Sámi and of threats to the World Heritage Site Laponia, due to the proposed Gállok/Kallak mining project by the British company Beowulf Mining and their Swedish subsidiary Jokkmokk Iron Mines AB. While noting the adoption of a national law requiring consultation in matters concerning the Sámi people in January 2022 as a positive step, the Special Rapporteurs raised concern that an approval of the Gállok mining license, despite the extensive criticism and concerns raised by the Sámi as well as various State authorities and a broad range of stakeholders, would effectively jeopardize and undermine confidence in the ability to construct future good-faith relations with indigenous peoples at the national level ([AL SWE 2/2022](#)). In March 2022, Beowulf was granted permission to proceed with the mining project, provided that it is cleared by the Swedish Environmental Court.