

## **Response from the Swedish Government**

“Safeguarding the rule of law is high on the Swedish Government’s agenda. An independent judiciary and a well-functioning and trustworthy justice system are essential foundations of a democratic society. Once a preliminary investigation is completed the prosecutor has what is known as an absolute duty to prosecute, if he or she considers there to be sufficient evidence to prove that a crime has been committed and that a certain person has committed it. The handling of the case is now a responsibility of the independent law enforcement authorities and a trial is scheduled at a district court.”