

Statement on alleged incidents of forced labor in Ericsson's supply chain

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Ericsson has been made aware of misunderstandings related to unsubstantiated allegations presented in articles in Expressen and ScandAsia during November 2021, causing misconceptions among external stakeholders, including ESG rating providers, about incidents of forced labor occurring in Ericsson's supply chain.

The article included allegations of a Chinese company employing ethnic minorities through labor-transfer programs.

After a thorough review of Ericsson's records, which was done at the time of the report in 2021 and again this year, Ericsson can conclude that the company in question is not and has never been a supplier to Ericsson, and there are no records of the company being a supplier to Ericsson's suppliers.

Ericsson respects all internationally recognized human rights and we are constantly working to implement UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGP) in our operations. All our suppliers are also obliged to follow our Code of Conduct, which addresses a range of human rights and labor rights issues, including forced labor. This applies to all of our company and our suppliers no matter where we are operating.

As highlighted in Ericsson's most recent [Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement](#), in 2023 Ericsson continued a multi-year effort to enhance the Company's global supply chain traceability program to track goods and components linked to forced labor risks, including an updated governance structure for risk management. In 2024, Ericsson continues to enhance its traceability process to identify exposure to human rights impacts in the supply chain with greater precision.

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