



For cases involving violation of section 266b, the final decisions of the courts are accessible at the website of the Director of Public Prosecutions ([www.rigsadvokaten.dk](http://www.rigsadvokaten.dk)) in an anonymous form. This register, which is updated on an ongoing basis, includes information concerning 45 rulings, including acquittals, concerned with violation of section 266b in the period from 2000 to the latest update on 20 December 2007.

### **European Year of Equal Opportunities for All 2007**

The Danish Government attached great importance to the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All 2007, and implemented a wide range of initiatives promoting diversity and reinforcing the fight against discrimination. Some initiatives continued ongoing work, while other initiatives were entirely new. A short description of some of the activities focusing on the elimination of racism and related intolerance follows below.

## **Legislation**

In May 2003, the Danish Government's Act on Ethnic Equal Treatment was adopted by the Danish Parliament. The Act aims to ensure a high level of protection against racial discrimination and to implement into Danish Law the non-employment aspects of the EU Racial Equality Directive.

The Act on Ethnic Equal Treatment includes a prohibition against discrimination on the grounds of racial and ethnic origin as regards access to social protection, including social security and health care, social benefits, education, access to and supply of goods and services, including housing, and membership of and access to services from organisations, whose members carry out a particular profession. The act also includes a prohibition against harassment on the grounds of race and ethnic origin.

In April 2004, by Act No. 253 amending the Act on Prohibition of Discrimination on the Labour Market etc., the employment aspects of the EU Racial Equality Directive were implemented into Danish law. According to the

origin, religion, sexual inclination, etc. This provision was inserted into the Penal Code by Act No. 218 of 31 March 2004, which entered into force on 2 April 2004.

