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Norwegian court revokes wind power licences to protect the cultural practice of minorities

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On 11 October 2021, Norway's highest court declared a construction licence granted in respect of wind turbines to be invalid, because it breached the right of minorities to practice their culture as set out in art. 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). As one of the first judgments that applies the ICCPR at national level, it could also have international implications on the legality and continued validity of licences and have a considerable impact on the future financing of wind farms.

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