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February 12, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934*

TeliaSonera AB

(Name of Issuer)

Ordinary Shares, nominal value SEK 3.20 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

87960M106**

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

☐ Rule 13d-1(b)

☐ Rule 13d-1(c)

☒ Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

**The Ordinary Shares are not traded in U.S. markets and have not been assigned a CUSIP number. However, the CUSIP number for the related American Depositary Shares is 87960M106.

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CUSIP NO. 87960M106

1 Names of Reporting Persons.
Government Offices of The Kingdom of Sweden

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).
Not Applicable

2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) ☒
(b) ☐

3 SEC Use Only

4 Citizenship or Place of Organization
Sweden

Number of	5	Sole Voting Power
Shares		2,118,278,261
Beneficially	6	Shared Voting Power
		0
Owned by	7	Sole Dispositive Power
Each		2,118,278,261
Reporting	8	Shared Dispositive Power
Person With		0

9 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
2,118,278,261

10 Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares ☒

11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
45.3%***

12 Type of Reporting Person
OO

*** Based on 4,675,232,069 ordinary shares, nominal value SEK 3.20 per share, of TeliaSonera AB outstanding on February 10, 2003 as disclosed by TeliaSonera AB in its filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission

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pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933 on February 10, 2003.

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ITEM 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer
TeliaSonera AB
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices
Marbackagatan 11, S-123 86 Farsta, Sweden

ITEM 2.

- Name of Person Filing
Government Offices of The Kingdom of Sweden
- (a) The Government Offices of The Kingdom of Sweden exist to facilitate Swedish government business and comprise ten ministries, of which the Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications is one.
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence
c/o The Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications
Jakobsgatan 26, SE-103 33 Stockholm, Sweden
- (c) Citizenship
Sweden
- (d) Title of Class of Securities
Ordinary shares, nominal value SEK 3.20 per share
("Ordinary Shares")
- (e) CUSIP Number
The Ordinary Shares are not traded in U.S. markets and have not been assigned a CUSIP number. However, the CUSIP number for the related American Depositary Shares is 87960M106.

ITEM 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not Applicable

ITEM 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,118,278,261
- (b) Percent of class: 45.3%(1)
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

- (1) Based on 4,675,232,069 ordinary shares, nominal value SEK 3.20 per share, of TeliaSonera AB outstanding on February 10, 2003 as disclosed by TeliaSonera AB in its filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission

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- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,118,278,261
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
2,118,278,261
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition
of: 0

ITEM 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class
Not Applicable

ITEM 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.
Not Applicable

ITEM 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired
the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or
Control Person.
Not Applicable

ITEM 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

The Government Offices of The Kingdom of Sweden and The Republic of Finland ("Finland") may be deemed to be a "group" within the meaning of Rule 13d-5(b) (1) under the Act. See the Shareholders' Agreement dated March 26, 2002 between The Kingdom of Sweden and Finland contained in Annex C of the Prospectus forming part of the Registration Statement on Form F-4 (Registration No. 333-100213), filed by Telia AB with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 on October 1, 2002.

Pursuant to Rule 13d-5(b) (1) of the Act, the group that may be formed by the Government Offices of The Kingdom of Sweden and Finland may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 2,118,278,261 Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by the Government Offices of The Kingdom of Sweden and 891,800,231 Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by Finland, representing a total of 3,010,078,492 Ordinary Shares or approximately 64.4% of the Ordinary Shares. (2) However, the Government Offices of The Kingdom of Sweden disclaim beneficial ownership of the Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by Finland.

ITEM 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group
Not Applicable

ITEM 10. Certification
Not Applicable

- (2) Based on 4,675,232,069 ordinary shares, nominal value SEK 3.20 per share, of TeliaSonera AB outstanding on February 10, 2003 as disclosed by TeliaSonera AB in its filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933 on February 10, 2003.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify

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that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 12, 2003

GOVERNMENT OFFICES OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN

By: /s/ Leif Pagrotsky

Name: Leif Pagrotsky

Title: Minister for Industry and Trade

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit	Description
I	Extract from the Minutes of a Swedish Government Meeting authorising the Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications to sign on behalf of the Government Offices of The Kingdom of Sweden (in the original Swedish with an English translation)

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Koncept	
PROTOKOLL	I
vid regeringssammantrade	
2003-01-23	N2003/337/SA
	N2002/3707/SA (delvis)

BEMYNDIGANDE ATT UNDERTECKNA ANMALAN

1 bilaga

Svenska staten innehar efter Telia AB:s förvarv av Sonera Oy en ägarandel uppgående till 46 procent i det sammanslagna bolaget TeliaSonera AB. TeliaSonera AB är sedan sammanslagningen den 9 december 2002 noterat på Nasdaq National Market i USA och bolagets aktier är registrerade enligt bestämmelserna i U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act). Eftersom svenska statens ägarandel överstiger 5 procent, skall en elektronisk anmälan göras i U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) datasystem EDGAR senast 45 dagar efter utgången av det kalenderår då TeliaSonera AB registrerade bolagets aktier enligt bestämmelserna i Exchange Act. I samband med att den elektroniska anmälan görs, arkiverar svenska staten en skriftlig, undertecknad anmälan. Utkast till anmälan har tagits fram med den lydelse som framgår av bilagan.

Regeringen bemyndigar chefen för Näringsdepartementet eller den han sätter i sitt ställe att underteckna anmälan enligt ovan till SEC i huvudsak överensstämmande med förslaget samt eventuella tillägg och ändringar i anmälan.

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Linklaters' office
translation of extract
from minutes from meeting
of the Government

MINUTES
from meeting of the Government
2003-01-23 N2002/XXXX/SA
 N2001/3707/SA (partly)

AUTHORISATION TO SIGN NOTIFICATION

1 appendix

Following Telia AB's acquisition of Sonera Oy, the Swedish State holds approximately 46 per cent of the shares in the combined company TeliaSonera AB. Since the combination of 9 December 2002, TeliaSonera AB is listed on the U.S. Nasdaq National Market and its shares are registered under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act). As the Swedish State's beneficial interest in TeliaSonera AB exceeds 5 per cent, an electronic filing shall be made with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on its EDGAR system within 45 days after the end of the calendar year in which TeliaSonera AB registered its shares under the Exchange Act. In connection with the electronic filing, a manually signed filing is being retained by the Swedish State. A draft notification has been prepared in accordance with Appendix 1.

The Government authorise the Head of the Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications or anyone he authorises to sign the above notification to the SEC, substantially in accordance with the draft notification, together with any supplements and amendments to the notification.

Draft notification to

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