



3C Interactive Dialogue with Report of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

Statement by the UN LGBTI Core Group

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Chairperson,

I have the honor to participate in this interactive dialogue on behalf of the Member States of the LGBTI Core Group. The LGBTI Core Group is an informal group composed of 29 Members States from different regions established in 2008.

(The group is co-chaired by Argentina and The Netherlands, and includes Albania, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay, the European Union, as well as the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the non-governmental organizations Human Rights Watch and Outright Action International.)

Mr. Independent Expert,

We are delighted to have you here today to present your report on how discriminatory laws and sociocultural norms continue to marginalize and exclude lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex persons from education, health care, housing, employment and occupation, and other sectors. The members of this Core Group welcome this report and take your recommendations very seriously. We urge all member states to do the same because we firmly believe that standing against violence and discrimination is not and should never be a matter of controversy. It is just right and humane.

We were pleased to read in your report that one of your guiding principles was the principle of dialogue and that you engaged with a wide range of stakeholders. We share this view and support your approach.



We also agree with you in the fact that organized religion and religious leaders have a powerful role in promoting social inclusion for all, including LGBTI people. Do you have any recommendation on how to better engage with them in our work within the UN?

On another note, we share your concerns about the intersectional nature of discrimination and exclusion and, in this regard, we would like to inquire from you about some pragmatic and concrete ways in which multidimensional analysis and action can address their root causes.

I thank you.