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To the Permanent Representatives of the 193 Missions of Member States to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City

Subject:
Vote to Continue to Protect All People from Unlawful Killings!
The UN General Assembly's resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Defend the right to life of every person: the resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, eighty-first session of the General Assembly!

Excellencies,

We, the undersigned organizations, write to urge your delegation **to vote in favour of the draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions as a whole**, in the Third Committee and in the General Assembly plenary at the eighty-first session, and to co-sponsor it.

For decades, this resolution has reaffirmed t**he obligation of all States to protect the right to life, to investigate all unlawful killings promptly, thoroughly and impartially, to hold those responsible to account, and to provide reparation to victims and their families**. Its protective value depends on the full text being adopted with the broadest possible cross-regional support.

The resolution is designed to protect all people, including those who are targeted because of their identities. Among those, in every region of the world, people are killed because of their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. Their assailants include armed groups, relatives, neighbours, or strangers who decide they no longer deserve to live, simply because of who they are or whom they love. Many such killings are never properly recorded, and many of the perpetrators are never brought to justice.

The resolution's goal is narrow: investigate unlawful killings and hold perpetrators accountable. It creates no hierarchy among victims and no new rights. It simply asks that killings motivated by a victim's identity be looked into like any other. The right to life is fundamental and cannot be suspended under any circumstance; the fact that a person should not be unlawfully killed is not a question of a country's tradition, religion, or culture.

We are writing to also ask you to reject any proposal to remove or replace "sexual orientation

and gender identity" from the UN General Assembly's Third Committee's resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions.

The draft resolution also refers to journalists, lawyers, human rights defenders, religious minorities, Indigenous Peoples, and victims of so-called honour killings. Removing just one category – as has been attempted repeatedly when this resolution is brought – because a state may find it politically inconvenient puts every other category at risk on the same terms.

Setting out how States should respond to unlawful killings is exactly what the General Assembly's resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions seeks to address. We, the undersigned organizations, ask you to defend the resolution's full list of targeted groups, including its long-standing reference to sexual orientation and gender identity.

The evidence keeps accumulating. Monitoring cited by the UN's own Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial executions has recorded over 5,300 killings of trans and gender-diverse people since 2009: a figure that almost certainly understates the problem due to a lack of capacity or political will to gather such data.

We therefore urge you, the Member States of the United Nations, to:

- **Vote in favour of the resolution as a whole, with the full list of targeted groups intact, including sexual orientation and gender identity;**
- **Vote against any amendment to delete or narrow the list of targeted identities, whether in Committee or in plenary; and**
- **Co-sponsor the resolution, if your delegation has not already done so.**

Behind the list of targeted groups are real people – someone's child, a neighbour, a colleague – who were killed and whose deaths were never investigated. The question is whether anyone killed for simply being who they are will be counted, whether their killing will be investigated and those responsible prosecuted, and whether those they leave behind will receive justice and redress. We ask you to answer: yes!

Respectfully,

Outright International
Amnesty International
Human Rights Watch
ILGA World
International Service for Human Rights

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Also signed by 2,149 individuals and 127 organisations from the following 112 UN Member States:

Afghanistan
Albania
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belgium
Benin
Bolivia
Botswana
Brazil
Bulgaria
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Dominica
Ecuador
Egypt
Estonia
Ethiopia
Fiji
Finland
France
Gabon
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
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Indonesia
Iran
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Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kyrgyzstan
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Malawi
Malaysia
Malta
Mauritius
Mexico
Moldova
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Rwanda
Saint Lucia
Serbia
Singapore
Slovakia
South Africa
South Korea
South Sudan
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sweden
Switzerland
Tanzania
Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Türkiye
Uganda
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States
Uruguay
Venezuela
Vietnam
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Organisations (127)

5-Alive Development Community-Based Organization
AFDA
Afghanistan LGBTIQ+ Organisation (ALO)
African Gender Alliance Initiative (OSCAR AGAI)
African Trans and Intersex Support
Aidos - Italian Association for Women in Development
Alison's Group
The Alliance for Diplomacy and Justice
Amani Youth Foundation - Uganda
Anchorage Society of Hope and Resilience
Arch Collaborative
Ars Socialis
Asociación Ciudadana Por Los Derechos Humanos
Asociación Civil TS Rosa Mujeres de Lucha - Perú
Association Transgenres et Droits
BBI
Bi+ Pride Victoria Inc
Blue Diamond Society
Bonhishikha
Broken Rainbow-Japan
Centro de Apoyo Trans-Vive en Iguala
CHOICE for Youth & Sexuality
COAI, Inc.
Colectivo Michoacán es Diversidad
Colibri
Comunidad Cultural de Tijuana LGBTI A.C.
Comunidad LGBTTTIQ Taxco
Conectando Derechos
Corporación Femm
Council for Global Equality
Dignity Network Canada
Egale Canada
Égalité Transgenres RDC
EKWEI - Associação para o Desenvolvimento Ecomímico, Cultural e Cívico de Nampula
Embassy of Change
Equal Namibia
Espacio Diversidad
Family Visions Trans
FRI - The Norwegian Organisation for Sexual and Gender Diversity
Fundacion Arcoiris por el Respeto a la Diversidad Sexual
Fundación Intersexuales Chile
Fundación Mujer & Mujer
GAFADIS
Gamut 1
Gay Rights
Gaya Nusantara
GIN SSOGIE
Global Hospitality Expert
Harbor of Hope Refugee Support Initiative Ltd
Hirschfeld-Eddy Foundation
HIV/AIDS Human Rights Action 'AL'
House of Extinction
The Houston Intersex Society
Human Rights & Gender Justice Clinic, CUNY School of Law
IEEE

INCIDEJOVEN - Asociación Red de Jóvenes para la Incidencia Política
Incluye
Initiative for Equality and Non Discrimination
The Initiative for Minority Excellence and Development (TIMED)
Initiative of Trans with a Mission — Uganda
Just Futures Collaborative
Just.Equal Australia
Kaleidoscope Trust
Krishnachura: A Center for Gender Minorities Rights
La Fédération internationale pour les droits humains (FIDH)
Lavender Common
Legal Dignity
Liga Transmasculina João W Nery
LSVD+ - Federation Queer Diversity
MambaOnline
Manodiversa
Metropolitan Community Churches
Micro Rainbow Cambodia (MRC)
Minority Africa
Mujer-LGBT Organization Inc
New Jersey Red Umbrella Alliance
Noboprobhaat Foundation
Nsubuki Health and Hope Foundation Uganda
Observatorio de Crímenes contra Personas LGBTI+ en México
PAG
Pan Africa ILGA (PAI)
Pride Wide Trust
PRO Queer
Queer Ethiopia
Queer Youth Group
Queerworx
Radiant Roots Africa
Rainbow Action Korea
Rainbow Railroad
Raise Your Voice Saint Lucia Inc
Reaching Out Assisting Refugees (ROAR)
Red LESLAC
Refugee Dignity Initiative
ReportOUT
Savie ASBL NGO LGBTQ DRC
Society of Trans Women of the Philippines (STRAP) Inc.
Solidarity for LGBT Human Rights of Korea
Soy Humano AC
Stichting Deed Foundation for Development and Education
The Taala Foundation
Talented Youth Community Fellowship Uganda
Teatro & SIDA, A. C.
Together 2030 Stakeholder Group
Together Across America
Total Together
Trans Europe and Central Asia (TGEU)
Transfamily Victoria Inc
Unninetwork
Uthingo Network
Visibles Guatemala
Women Deliver
WUNRN - Women's UN Report Network
인권교육센터 들
퀴어문화협동조합 홍예당(Queer Culture Cooperative Hong-Ye-Dang)

And 13 other organisations that remain anonymous for security reasons.

Individual signatories (2,149)

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