

Civil Society Joint Statement - Human Rights of Intersex Persons
54th Session of the Human Rights Council
Statement by the International Lesbian and Gay Association

Mr President,

This statement is supported by 25 intersex-led organizations worldwide and another 98 LGBTI and human rights organizations. In the spirit of Item 8 and the universality of human rights stated by the (Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action) we would like to call the attention of this Council to the situation of the human rights of intersex persons.

We welcome the statement delivered by Finland, Chile, South Africa and Australia on behalf of more than 45 states.

In most countries, intersex children are routinely subjected to unnecessary medical treatments, surgeries, and other interventions without expressed personal free and informed consent due to stigma and misconceptions about their sex characteristics.

The impacts of these practices – and their framing as human rights violations and abuses – have been highlighted by several human rights mechanisms, including the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, multiple UN treaty bodies, and UN Special Procedures.

While there are legal developments across the globe, the majority of UN Member States are still falling behind in protecting this population.

Mr. President,

To address these human rights violations we need further data and global action.

We call on members of this Human Rights Council to present and adopt a resolution requesting a study with recommendations and compilation of best practices on eliminating discrimination and violence, including harmful practices, against intersex persons.

We believe this is a necessary step to ensure equal human rights protection for all persons, including those based on sex characteristics.

And we reiterate our call on States to ban non-vital, medically unnecessary surgeries, and other harmful interventions on persons with innate variations of sex characteristics.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Intersex-led CSO

1. Intersex Nigeria
2. Intersex Asia Network

3. Organization Intersex International-Chinese (OII Chinese)
4. Intersex Community Zimbabwe (ICoZ)
5. Intersex Human Rights India
6. Intersex Bangladesh
7. Intersexo Brasil
8. Intersex Philippines
9. Intersex Kenya Education and Advocacy
10. Intersex Society of South Africa
11. Campaign for Change
12. Rainbow Path Aotearoa NZ
13. Beyond the Boundary-Knowing and Concerns Intersex
14. Iranti
15. Tanzania Voice of Humanity
16. Ivy Foundation
17. Fundacia Interakcja
18. Tanzaniavoiceofhumanity
19. Intersex Iceland
20. Tagoloan Gender Advocacy Group
21. Asociacion Mulabi Espacio Latinoamericano de Sexualidades y Derechos
22. Intersex Venezuela
23. Associação Brasileira Intersexo- ABRAI
24. Japan Network of Intersex (Intersex Initiative Japan)
25. InterACT: Advocates for Intersex Youth

Other CSOs

1. The Swedish Federation for LGBTI Rights- RFSL (ECOSOC)
2. Outright International (ECOSOC)
3. The Global Interfaith Network (GIN SSOGIE) (ECOSOC)
4. International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) (ECOSOC)
5. ILGA-Europe (ECOSOC)
6. Human Rights Watch (ECOSOC)
7. International Service for Human Rights (ECOSOC)
8. COC Nederland (ECOSOC)
9. Network for Youth Health, Right And Education Empowerment {NYHREE}
10. CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality
11. Meeting Emotional and Social Needs Holistically (Mesh Inc.)
12. Omoro Empowerment Center for Health and Rights (OMECHRI)
13. Queerwell
14. Kaleidoscope Trust
15. Asistencia Legal por los Derechos Humanos (ASILEGAL)
16. Impulso trans
17. Injongo Movement
18. GATE - Global Action for Trans Equality
19. GALE, The Global Alliance for LGBT Education
20. Athlete Ally
21. Women's Refugee Commission
22. Egale Canada
23. Equal Asia Foundation

24. ILGA Asia
25. Rajmala Welfare Society, India
26. ASEAN SOGIE Caucus
27. Gayon Albay LGBT Organization, Inc.
28. Black Queer Docx
29. Trans Hope
30. Iranti
31. IGLYO - The International LGBTQI Youth & Student Organisation
32. Tagoloan Gender Advocacy Group (TAGAD)
33. Open Table Metropolitan Community Church
34. Cebu United Rainbow LGBTIQ+ Sector Inc.
35. Dreilinden
36. The YP Foundation
37. Lesbian Organization for Unity and Diversity (LOUD)
38. Mujer-LGBT Organization Inc
39. University of the Philippines Babaylan
40. Tomorrow Women In sports Foundation
41. LBTQ Organization against Violence and for Equality Inc.
42. Gender Dynamix
43. EVOLVE
44. Tonga Leitis Association
45. Trans Affirmative Action Guild (FJ) - TAAG
46. Q-Initiative C.B.O. - Kenya
47. Sphere Foundation
48. ODRI- Office against discrimination, racism, and intolerance
49. AFDA Familias Diversas
50. Council for Global Equality
51. Philippine Anti-Discrimination Alliance of Youth Leaders (PANTAY) Inc.
52. Inclusive and Affirming Ministries (IAM)
53. Expansive Dignity, LLC
54. Rainbow Railroad
55. Hirschfeld Eddy Foundation
56. EATHAN - East Africa Trans Health & Advocacy Network
57. Lesbian and Gay (LGBTI) Communtiy and Health Centre
58. Same Love Toti
59. Rutgers
60. Just Equal Australia Inc
61. Edge Effect
62. Blue Diamond Society
63. HIV Legal Network
64. Working For Our Wellbeing
65. LGBT Purge Fund
66. Dignity Canada Dignité
67. Synergía - initiatives for human rights
68. GAYa NUSANTARA
69. Solidarite internationale lgbtqi
70. Pride Bhutan
71. ILGA Portugal
72. Fierté Montréal
73. Adhikaar Aotearoa

74. Young Queer Alliance
75. Trans Iceland
76. Iwate Rainbow Network
77. ERA - LGBTI Equal Rights Association for the Western Balkans and Turkey
78. STONEWALL
79. çavaria
80. Triangle Project
81. Fundacion Arcoiris por el respeto a la diversidad sexual.
82. BulSU Bahaghari
83. Diverlex Diversidad e Igualdad a Través de la Ley
84. Codise AC
85. Colectivo Diversa CODIVER A.C.
86. Espacio Diversidad
87. Synergia - Iniciativas por los Derechos Humanos
88. colectivo vallarta lgbt
89. Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany LSVD
90. Colectivo Michoacán es Diversidad
91. Impulso Trans A. C.
92. San Aelredo AC
93. MAS IGUALDAD PERU
94. Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants - OCASI
95. Pride at Work Canada/Fierté au travail Canada
96. Egides - Alliance internationale francophone pour l'égalité et les diversités
97. Polonia Inclusive
98. Bisexual Alliance Victoria