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H.E. Ambassador Frank Büchel

Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Thank you, Madam/Mister President,

Liechtenstein thanks the Independent Expert for this important and timely report and expresses its full support for the mandate.

LBQ women face a distinct form of discrimination as they fall between women's rights frameworks on one side and LGBT frameworks on the other, leaving them systematically invisible in data, policy, and law. As the report powerfully illustrates, this invisibility is not accidental, but it is structural. When violence against LBQ women goes unmeasured, it goes unaddressed.

Moreover, the report also highlights that access to rights for LBQ women is rarely unconditional. It is mediated through relationships with men, conditioned on marital status, and enforced through violence. These are not isolated incidents, but expressions of a deeper system that punishes women for living outside prescribed gender norms.

Mister President,

No person should be subjected to any form of violence or discrimination for the sexual orientation or gender identity, let alone to face criminal charges. Despite some positive results, the global backlash still is enormous. We would like to know more from the Independent Expert on how he intends to work with Member States to implement the recommendations of his report.

I thank you, Mister President.