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Re: “Gender” in the Draft Crimes Against Humanity Convention

Dear International Law Commission Members,

We, the undersigned 583 non-governmental organizations from 103 countries, write to you regarding the draft crimes against humanity (CAH) convention pending with the International Law Commission. The Commission has called for states and civil society to provide submissions with their final commentaries on the draft convention by 1 December 2018. We urge the Commission to remove the definition of gender from article 3(3) of the draft crimes against humanity convention, or in the alternative, replace it with the definition of gender put forth by the Office of the Prosecutor for the International Criminal Court (ICC).¹

Strong language on crimes against humanity that complies with existing human rights law would be an invaluable tool for confronting impunity and enhancing state efforts to prevent and punish gender-based crimes. However, a text that fails to reflect the current human rights definition of gender could sideline women; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons; and other marginalized groups. It could also result in even greater impunity for gender-based crimes amounting to crimes against humanity.

While international human rights precedents recognizing gender as a social construct are abundant, there is little jurisprudence related to gender under international criminal law. This significantly raises the importance of gender in the proposed text. The draft produced by the Commission and handed to the UN General Assembly 6th Committee next year will significantly contribute to the legal understanding of gender and marginalized groups. For this reason, we underscore the importance of omitting or updating the proposed definition of gender in article 3(3) of the draft.

¹ The Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC, Policy Paper on Sexual and Gender-based Crimes (2014), <https://www.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/otp/otp-Policy-Paper-on-Sexual-and-Gender-Based-Crimes--June-2014.pdf>

A primary concern identified in expert civil society consultations is that the draft CAH treaty adopts the definition of gender from the Rome Statute. It states, “it is understood that the term ‘gender’ refers to the two sexes, male and female, within the context of society.” Unfortunately, the ICC has never successfully prosecuted a charge of gender-based persecution, arguably because its definition is opaque.

Over the last two decades, numerous regional and UN human rights mechanisms including treaty bodies, experts and jurists have adopted language that recognizes the social construction of gender.² Notably, the Rome Statute’s definition has never been adopted again in any other human rights document or mechanism. The ICC’s own Office of the Prosecutor (OTP), in turn, has also adopted the understanding of gender under international law. Its 2014 publication, “Policy Paper on Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes,” clarifies the definition of “gender” under the Rome Statute: “[g]ender’, in accordance with article 7(3) of the Rome Statute ... refers to males and females, within the context of society. This definition acknowledges the social construction of gender, and the accompanying roles, behaviours, activities, and attributes assigned to women and men, and to girls and boys.”³ Accordingly, the policy paper distinguishes “gender” from the term “sex” which refers to “the biological and physiological characteristics that define men and women.”⁴ OTP’s definition provides clarity and reflects the years of codification of the understanding of gender as a social construct. It is the only definition of gender under international criminal law to arise since the Rome Statute.

Finally, other than “gender”, no other protected class under persecution is defined in the draft convention. Thus, including a definition may imply that persecution on the basis of gender is secondary or qualified and not equivalent to other persecutory categories.

Globally, sexual and gender-based crimes remain the least-condemned crimes in conflict. According to UN Women, “narrow definitions of sexual violence codify gender inequalities preventing access to justice to many survivors and making the implementation of international conventions and frameworks difficult.”⁵ The proposed treaty presents a unique opportunity to reduce obstacles to prosecuting sexual and gender-based crimes. A text that reflects the current status of human rights law would help to ensure that the CAH convention does not reinforce the

² See for example, UN Secretary-General, Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity UN Doc. A/73/152 (12 July 2018); the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Advisory Opinion OC-24/17 (November 24, 2017) par. 32; CAT Committee, Ninth annual report of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, UN Doc. CAT/C/57/4 (22 March 2016); CEDAW, General Recommendation 33, UN Doc. CEDAW/GC/33 (3 August 2015); CAT General Comment 3, UN Doc. CAT/C/GC/3 (19 November 2012); CEDAW, General Recommendation 28, UN Doc. CEDAW/GC/28 (16 December 2010); General Comment 2, UN Doc. CAT/C/GC/2 (24 January 2008); ICESCR, General Comment 16, UN Doc. E/C.12/2005/4 (11 August 2005); Secretary-General, Question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, UN Doc. A/56/156 (3 July 2001); ICCPR, General Comment 28, UN Doc. CCPR/C/21/Rev.1/Add.10, (29 March 2000); Report of the Secretary-General: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing Platform for Action) (3 September 1996); CEDAW, General Recommendation 19, UN Doc. A/47/38 (1992).

³ The Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC, Policy Paper on Sexual and Gender-based Crimes, 3 (2014), <https://www.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/otp/otp-Policy-Paper-on-Sexual-and-Gender-Based-Crimes--June-2014.pdf>

⁴ Id. citing the World Health Organization (WHO), What do we mean by “sex” and “gender”?.

⁵ UN Women & UN Team of Experts Rule of Law/Sexual Violence in Conflict, UNDP, Accountability for Sexual Violence in Conflict: Identifying gaps in theory and practice of national jurisdictions in the Arab region, 4 (2018).

sidelining of women, LGBTI persons and other marginalized victims. It could assist States in their efforts to prevent, punish and protect against gender-based crimes, sending the message that such violence is unacceptable, that it will not occur with impunity, and that all survivors' rights will be upheld.

We therefore recommend to the International Law Commission that the definition of gender either be removed or revised in the draft crimes against humanity convention using the definition of gender put forth by the Office of the Prosecutor for the International Criminal Court.

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- AIM, Geneva, Global
- Akahata A.C., Buenos Aires, Argentina/Latin America
- Akina Mama wa Afrika, Kampala, Uganda/Africa
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- ASEAN SOGIE Caucus, SouthEast Asia
- ASEAN Youth Forum, Yogyakarta, Southeast Asia
- Asia Catalyst, New York, United States
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- Asian Press Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka
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- Equality Morocco, Rabat, Morocco/MENA
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- Komunitas Sehati Makassar (KSM), South Sulawesi, Indonesia
- KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
- Kuchu Times Media Group, Kampala, Uganda
- Kurdistan Women Federation, Erbil, Iraq-Kurdistan
- Kvinna till Kvinna, Stockholm, Sweden
- Kyiv Pride Canada, Toronto, Canada
- KyivPride, Kyiv, Ukraine
- L'Union Féministe Libre (UFL), Rabat, Morocco
- La commission Independante des droits de l homme, Laayoune, Morocco
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- MC Consultancy, Orange Walk, Belize
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- Men Against Violence, Malta, Malta
- Men Sector, Gaborone, Botswana
- Men United for Gender Justice Initiative (MenUnited), Enugu, Nigeria
- Men's Resources International, Springfield/Massachusetts, United States
- MenEngage Global Alliance, Washington, D.C., Worldwide
- Mens Development Network, Waterford, Ireland
- Mersin LGBT 7 Renk Eğitim Araştırma ve Dayanışma Derneği, Mersin, Turkey
- Mesahat Foundation for Sexual and Gender Diversity, Cairo, Khartoum, Egypt and Sudan
- Metro Manila Pride, Quezon City, Philippines
- México Unido Contra la Delincuencia (MUCD), Mexico City, Mexico
- MIRROR Institute for ART and JUSTICE, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Mitini Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Mixedhouse, Taipei, Taiwan
- MOSAIC, Beirut, Lebanon
- Movimiento Homosexual de Lima, Lima, Peru
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- Namibia Diverse Women's Association (NDWA), Windhoek, Namibia
- NASSAWIYAT Collective, Casablanca, Morocco
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- National Economic and Social Rights Initiative (NESRI), New York, United States
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- NYC Anti-Violence Project, New York, United States
- Oasis, Kinshasa, République Démocratique du Congo

- Oceania Pride, Suva, Fiji
- OII Chinese, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- ONDEDE, Bangalore, India
- OneLove VI, Frederiksted-U.S. Virgin Islands, United States
- Open Culture Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan
- Open Mind Spectrum Albania (OMSA), Tirana, Albania
- Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq (OWFI), Baghdad, Iraq
- Orma Bradfield, Dunedin, New Zealand
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- Pacific Sexual and Gender Diversity Network, Suva, Pacific
- Pan African Positive Women's Coalition-Zimbabwe, Kadoma, Zimbabwe
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- Participatory Development Action Program, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Peace Movement Aotearoa, New Zealand
- Pelangi Campaign, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
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- Plan International, Woking, Surrey, United Kingdom (HQ)/Global
- Planet Ally, Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Planned Parenthood Federation of America, New York, United States
- Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington D.C., Washington, D.C., United States
- Plate-forme des Femmes du Nord-Kivu pour un Developpement Endogene (PFNDE NK), Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
- PNUD, San José, Costa Rica
- POCAAN, Seattle, United States
- Polo Democrático Alternativo, Bogotá, Colombia
- Population Connection, Washington, D.C., United States
- Prima Organization, Utrecht, Netherlands
- Proceso de Comunidades Negras en Colombia, Nacional, Colombia
- Progressive Youth for Ability Development Organization, Baghdad, Iraq
- Projek Dialog, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Promundo-US, Washington, D.C., United States
- Public Services International, Ferney-Voltaire, France
- Queer Here, New York, United States
- Queer Tiers, Pago Pago-American Samoa, United States
- Queeramnesty, Zürich, Switzerland
- Queering Education Research Institute, New York, United States

- Radha Paudel Foundation, Nepal, Nepal
- Rainbow Alliance of Lesotho, Maseru, Lesotho
- Rainbow Nation, Brussels, Belgium
- Rainbow Pride Foundation, Suva, Fiji
- Rainbow Street, Berkeley, CA, United States
- Rainbow Sudan, Khartoum, Sudan
- Rainbowhouse, Brussels, Belgium
- Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Justice (RESURJ), International
- Red Centroamerica de Hombres trans, Centroamerica y Caribe, Centroamerica y Caribe
- Red de Activismo e Investigación por la Convivencia REACIN, Caracas, Venezuela
- Red de Educación Popular Entre Mujeres America Latina y Caribe REPEM LAC, América Latina (Bogotá, Lima, Ecuador, Mexico, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Asunción)
- Red de Mujeres Afrolatinoamericanas Afrocaribeñas y de la Diáspora, La Paz, Bolivia
- Red Temática de la Diversidad Sexual LGBTIQ de Nicaragua, Managua, Nicaragua
- Rede Afro Lgbt, Brasilia, Brasil
- Rede Social de Justiça e Direitos Humanos, São Paulo, Brasil
- Redtrans Nicaragua, Managua, Nicaragua
- Reef Sisters, Airlie Beach-Whitsundays, Australia
- Reforma Trans PUCP, Lima, Peru
- ReFrame, Auckland, New Zealand
- Reinserta AC., Ciudad de México, México
- RFSL, the Swedish Federation for LGBTQ Rights, Stockholm, Sweden
- RHTC, Chisinau, Moldova
- Rights 4 Her, Kampala, Uganda
- Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, Washington, D.C., United States
- Rothschild Rights, New York, United States
- Rural women's association Alga, Kant, Kyrgyzstan
- Russian LGBT network, Saint Petersburg, Russia
- Rutgers, Utrecht, Netherlands
- S.H.E, East London, South Africa
- SAFAIDS, Harare, Zimbabwe
- Saheli Women's Resource Centre, New Delhi, India
- Samoa Faafafine Associatiob, Apia, Samoa
- Sanctuary Studios Inc, Bracebridge, Canada
- Sangama, Bangalore, India
- Sangsan Anakot Yaowachon Development Project, Chiangmai, Thailand
- Santa Clara Law - International Human Rights Clinic, Santa Clara, United States
- SANTE SEXUELLE Suisse, Lausanne, Switzerland
- Save the Children Australia, Melbourne, Australia
- Sayoni, Singapore, Singapore
- Seattle International Foundation, Seattle, United States
- SeCoDév, Geneva, Switzerland
- SEED Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Sensoa, Antwerp, Belgium
- Seta Lgbti Rights in Finland, Helsinki, Finland
- Sex og Politikk (IPPF Norway), Oslo, Norway

- Shandong Agricultural University Rainbow Society, Tai'an, China
- Shanghai Nv'ai, Shanghai, China
- ShePlusPride, Singapore, Singapore
- Shirkat Gah - Women's Resource Centre, Pakistan/Transnational (Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta)
- Shiyida Kaleidoscope, Jinan, Qingdao, China
- Simavi, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Sindicato Unitario Organizado Nacional de la Administración de Justicia de Venezuela (SUONTRAJ), Caracas, Venezuela
- Social Health and Empowerment, East London, South Africa
- Social Policies Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Association (SPoD), Istanbul, Turkey
- Social, Health and Empowerment Feminist Collective of Transgender Women in Africa, East London, South Africa
- Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination (SASOD), Georgetown, Guyana
- Society for Feminist Analyses AnA, Bucharest, Romania
- Society Of Fa'afafine In American Samoa (SOFIAS), Pago Pago, American Samoa
- Solidarity with Egypt LGBTQ+, Port Said, Egypt
- Sorensen Center for International Peace and Justice, New York, United States
- Soroptimist International, Cambridge-England, Global
- Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC), Johannesburg, South Africa
- Specialization on Gender and Public Policy, Columbia University SIPA, New York, United States
- SSD Analyse & Développement, Chardonne, Switzerland
- Stop AIDS in Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia/West Africa
- STRAP, Manila, Philippines
- Success Capital Organisation, Gaborone Botswana
- Support for Women in Governance Organization (SWIGO), Juba, South Sudan, South Sudan
- Suriname Men United (SMU), Paramaribo, Suriname
- Swiss Rainbow Families Association, Zurich, Switzerland
- Swiss Trade Union Confederation, Bern, Switzerland
- Swisspeace, Bern, Switzerland
- Synergía - Initiatives for Human Rights, Washington, D.C. , Cross-regional
- Taller de Comunicación Mujer, Quito, Ecuador
- Tanggol Bayi (Defend Women) - Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines
- TARAB - NYC, New York, United States
- Tendo's World (Arts & Health), KAMPALA, Uganda
- TERRE DES FEMMES Switzerland, Bern, Switzerland
- The Center for Socio-Legal Research, at the Universidad de Los Andes School of Law, Bogotá, Colombia
- The Commonwealth Equality Network, London, Pan-Commonwealth
- The Community Health Rights Network, Kampala, Uganda
- The Global Interfaith Network for People of All Sexes, Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Expressions, Johannesburg, Global
- The Global Justice Institute, New York, United States

- The Human Rights and Gender Justice (HRGJ) Clinic at the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law, New York, United States
- The Initiative for Equal Rights, Lagos, Nigeria
- The Institute for Studies of Society, Economy and Environment (iSEE), Hanoi, Vietnam
- The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA), Geneva, Switzerland/Global
- The International Women's Initiative, London, United Kingdom
- The International Women's Health Coalition, New York, Global
- The Lamp Light, Lashio-Nothern Shan State, Myanmar
- The Lesbian and Gay and Association of Liberia (LEGAL), Monrovia, Liberia
- The Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender diversity, Washington, D.C., United States
- The SCENE, Brisbane, Australia
- The Silver Lining Foundation, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
- The South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC), a centre of the University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Togentherness for Equality and Action-TEA, Bangkok, Thailand
- Trans Research, Education, Advocacy & Training [TREAT], Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
- Trans-Austria, Wien, Austria
- Trans-Fuzja Foundation, Warsaw, Poland
- Trans-masculine person, Coimbatore, India
- TransAction, Auckland, New Zealand
- TransAkcija Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- TransFoorum, Tallinn, Estonia
- Transgender Equality Network Ireland (TENI), Dublin, Ireland
- Transgender Europe, Berlin, Germany
- Transgender Law Center, Oakland, United States
- Transgender Network of Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia
- Transgender Network Switzerland, Zürich, Switzerland
- Transonline, Beijing, China
- TransSmart Trust, Harare, Zimbabwe
- TransWave Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica
- TransX, Vienna, Austria
- Tranz Network Uganda Limited, Kampala, Uganda
- Triangle Project, Cape Town, South Africa
- UCTRANS Network, Global
- Uganda Network on Law, Ethics HIV& AIDS (UGANET), Kampala, Uganda/East Africa
- UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group, London, United Kingdom
- UNAMID, Elfasher, Sudan
- UNESCO, San Jose, Costa Rica
- Union de l'Action Féministe, Meknès, Morocco
- UNION SINDICAL DE EMCALI USE, Cali, Colombia
- United and Strong Inc., Castries, Saint Lucia
- United Belize Advocacy Movement, Belize, Belize
- Uniting Network, Sydney, Australia
- Universidad del Pacífico, Lima, Peru

- Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia
- Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada
- Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, Cincinnati, United States
- Urgent Action Fund, New York, United States
- Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights, New York and Oakland, Global
- Urgent Action Fund- Latin America and the Caribbean, Bogotá, Latin America and the Caribbean
- US Human Rights Network, Atlanta, United States
- UTOPIA_BXL, Brussels, Belgium
- UTSOPI, Brussels, Belgium
- Venezuela Diversa, Venezuela, Venezuela
- VIKA, Melbourne, Australia
- Vikalp (women's Group), Vadodara, India
- Voice of Women Organization, Herat, Afghanistan
- Voices of Women in Western Kenya, Kisumu-Nyanza, Kenya
- Voluntary Health Association of Punjab, Chandigarh, India
- WECF International, Utrecht, Netherlands
- White Ribbon Australia, North Sydney, Australia
- White Ribbon Canada, Toronto, Canada
- Women entrepreneur and Environmental Links, Momrovis, Liberia
- WIN, Washington, D.C., United States
- WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform, Den Haag, Netherlands
- Women and Media Collective, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Women Enabled International, Washington, D.C., Global
- Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways, Istanbul, Turkey
- Women's Council in Denmark - Kvinderådet, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Women's Empowerment for Change, Kingston, Jamaica
- women's enews, New York, United States
- Women's Federation for World Peace, Australia, Melbourne, Australia
- Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights, Manila, Tanzania
- Women's Health and Equal Rights Initiative, Abuja FCT, Nigeria
- Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice, The Hague, The Netherlands
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Afghanistan Section, Kabul, Afghanistan
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Australia, Canberra, Australia
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Cameroon, Douala, Cameroon
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Chad, N'djamena, Chad
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Ghana Section, Accra, Ghana
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Lebanon, Lebanon, MENA
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Nigeria, Enugu, Nigeria
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan

- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Philippine Section, Philippines
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Swedish section, Stockholm, Sweden
- Women's Refugee Commission, New York, United States
- Women's Rights Centre, Paramaribo, Suriname
- Women's Solidarity fund, Oxford, United Kingdom
- Women's Environment and Development Organization, New York, United States
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Aotearoa New Zealand, Auckland, New Zealand
- Women's Link Worldwide, Bogota, Madrid, Colombia and Spain
- Womens Federation for World Peace, Melbourne, Australia
- Womens International League for Peace and Freedom, Geneva and New York, International
- Woodhull Freedom Foundation, Washington, D.C., United States
- World Association for Medical Sexology, Caracas, Venezuela-Latin America and Europe
- World Association for Sexual Health, Minneapolis, United States
- XY Spectrum, Belgrade, Serbia
- YouAct - European Youth Network on Sexual and Reproductive Rights, London, Europe
- Young Out Here, Singapore, Singapore
- Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Ottawa, Canada
- Youth Voices Count, Bangkok, Thailand/Asia Pacific
- YPEER Asia Pacific Center, Bangkok Thailand/Asia Pacific
- Zambia Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV and AIDS, Lusaka, Zambia
- Zimbabwe Civil Liberties and Drug Network, Zimbabwe