



American Model United Nations
Human Rights Council

HRC/II/7

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity

SUBMITTED TO: The Human Rights Council

The Human Rights Council,

1 *Underlining* that while Member States have the primary responsibility for safeguarding and strengthening
2 human rights in their societies, the United Nations has a critical role in providing assistance and coordinating
3 international efforts to support Member States, on their request,

4 *Affirming* Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that all human beings are
5 born free and equal in dignity and human rights,

6 *Recalling* the Joint Statement on Human Rights Violations based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identi-
7 ty at the Human Rights Council in 2006, which expressed grave concern at the ongoing human rights violations
8 associated with sexual orientation and gender identity,

9 *Further recalling* the General Assembly Statement on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in 2011 that
10 served as a testament of the international community's commitment to the protection of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
11 transgender (LGBT) individuals,

12 *Reaffirming* Human Rights Council Resolution 27/32 of 2 October 2014, which describes the need to combat
13 violence and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, and upholds the reports of the
14 High Commissioner for Human Rights,

15 *Recognizing* that LGBT rights are human rights,

16 *Noting with concern* that members of the LGBT community are targeted and sometimes attacked, solely on
17 the basis of their gender identity and sexual orientation,

18 *Deeply disturbed* that many acts of violence and discrimination against LGBT individuals are the product
19 of a lack of education on LGBT individuals and their rights,

20 *Believing* that non-governmental organizations (NGO) and regional human rights institutions can help fa-
21 cilitate education initiatives on LGBT individuals and their rights,

22 *Welcoming* the successful efforts undertaken by some Member States that have increased support for LGBT
23 individuals and their rights,

24 *Underlining* that while Member States have the primary responsibility for safeguarding and strengthening
25 human rights in their societies, the United Nations has a critical role in providing assistance and coordinating
26 international efforts to support Member States, on their request,

27 1. *Calls upon* Member States to establish national campaigns aimed at educating citizens on LGBT indi-
28 viduals and their rights by:

29 (a) Considering the inclusion of local NGOs and experts to ensure that human rights can be applied
30 successfully in that specific state's context;

31 (b) Requesting aid from organizations for Member States who do not have the available funds to
32 implement these national education initiatives;

33 2. *Further encourages* states to participate in regional dialogue on education initiatives within the regional
34 human rights organizations they are members of;

35 3. Decides to establish an international forum with the following mandate to:

36 (a) Provide a platform for interested Member States, NGOs, the United Nations, regional human
37 rights institutions, national human rights institutions, United Nations programmes and funds, donors and develop-
38 ment agenciesand other relevant stakeholders to identify, exchange and promote good practices and lessons learned
39 on educating the public on LGBT individuals and their rights;

40 (b) Meet every two years;

41 4. *Encourages* NGOs, the United Nations Programmes and Funds, donors and development agencies, capable
42 member-states, and any other willing participant of the forum to consider offering aid to Member States, who request
43 it, to support their education initiatives;

44 5. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights provide all the necessary support to
45 facilitate the convening of the forum and the participation of relevant stakeholders from every region in its meetings,
46 paying particular attention to ensuring the broadest possible and most equitable participation, with due regard to
47 gender balance;

48 6. *Decides* that the theme of the first session of the forum, to be held in 2016, will be "Opening the Space:
49 LGBT Individuals and Their Rights".

Passed, Yes: 11 / No: 8 / Abstain: 5