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**ITEM 3 - Clustered ID with IE on sexual orientation and gender identity and SR
independence of judges and lawyers**

Statement by the Swedish Federation of LGBT Rights - RFSL

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Mr. President,

My name is Deon Mejri and I am speaking on behalf of the trans and gender-diverse human rights defenders participating in this year's Trans Advocacy Week. We congratulate the Independent Expert on SOGI for his report.

We would like to share some key data on trans and gender-diverse people:

- Compared to the general population, trans women have been found to be 49 more times to be living with HIV, with a pooled HIV prevalence of 19% in trans women worldwide. HIV is also growing among trans men.
- The 2018 Transgender Europe Trans Murder Monitoring has revealed a total of 369 cases of reported killings of trans and gender-diverse people in the period of one year, constituting a significant increase compared to previous years. This data shows that around $\frac{2}{3}$ of the victims were trans sex workers, of color, with a migrant background.

We strongly appreciate the insistence expressed by the Independent Expert on the need of disaggregating data collection and analysis. Historically, trans and gender-diverse people have been clustered with lesbian, gay, and bisexual people, which has made our communities invisible.

We share the Independent Expert's concern about privacy and safety. In many countries of the world, trans and gender-diverse people lack adequate protection to their right to privacy.

We urge Member States to collect and analyse disaggregated data on issues affecting trans and gender-diverse people, including access to education, employment, health, housing, safety, and justice, as well as intersectional discrimination and violence, in cooperation with local trans groups and organisations. We furthermore insist that privacy and safety are ensured in every stage of the data collection, storage, and processing.

We urge states to support research and advocacy efforts of local trans organisations, and use specific data to design, implement, and evaluate programs and policies focused on trans and gender-diverse people.

Thank you