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Statement by International Lesbian and Gay Association

Mr. President,

This statement was drafted in consultation with Trans and Intersex Rising Zimbabwe, Trans Research Education Advocacy and Training, Intersex Community of Zimbabwe and Gender Dynamix.

We gladly welcome the decision of the Government of Zimbabwe to support the recommendations 140.58 - to protect intersex minors from non-consensual surgeries and violations of bodily integrity and 140.90 to strengthen efforts to address violence against women, children and all persons on the basis of their sexual orientation and gender identity.

We also welcome the Parliament's recent repeal of section 73 of the Penal Code broadly criminalising HIV transmission, exposure and non-disclosure and urge the President to sign and enact the law immediately.

Mr President, with such legislation still in place, LGBTI persons will continue to face discrimination, social, exclusion, stigmatization and violence. We therefore urge the government of Zimbabwe to decriminalize same sex acts between consenting adults and grant access for trans persons so LGBTI persons can fully enjoy their rights.

We look forward to working in cooperation with the government and all relevant stakeholders in implementing the accepted recommendations and we urge Zimbabwe to reconsider its position and take all efforts to repeal discriminatory laws and fight discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Thank you Mr. President.