

## Item 9 Interactive Dialogue

### Statement by the International Lesbian and Gay Association

*Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on combating glorification of Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance*

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*delivered by Mauro Cabral*

Mr. President

We would like to congratulate the Special Rapporteur for his report on “*Contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on combating glorification of Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance*” and, in that context, for highlighting cases of increase of targeted violence perpetrated by extremists groups against gays, lesbians and trans people.

We also congratulate the Special Rapporteur for having drawn the attention of States and relevant authorities to prejudice and behavior that tends to stigmatize and place individuals in a single category, whether racial or sexual.

Further, we strongly support the Special Rapporteur’s call for better protection for LGBT persons against extremist groups and discrimination.

Mr. President

We are deeply concerned at the continuous, compound and multiple discrimination that LGBT people faces because of their sexual orientation and real or perceived gender identity and expression. As the Special Rapporteur mentioned in his Report, the identity of each individual is made up a multitude of components, and it is essential that appropriate measures should be taken by States to address the multiple and often interlinked forms of discrimination faced by individuals. Neo-nazi groups frequently target not only racial minorities, but also those of non-conforming sexual orientations or gender identities or expressions. For example, since late 2012, it has been reported that numerous vigilante groups consisting of radical nationalists began attacking and harassing gay people in Russia, accusing them of being gay, humiliating and beating them, and posting videos of the proceedings on social networks.

The Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination has also noted that homophobia, as a related form of intolerance, should be addressed together with racial discrimination.

Mr. President

We recall that States have the obligation to protect against discrimination and abuses of human rights by third parties, and to adopt the necessary measures to enable and assist all individuals in enjoying their human rights without prejudice, stereotyping or discrimination of any kind.

We urge States to respect the fundamental nature of the principles of universality and non-discrimination, and to investigate and prosecute those responsible for violence and discrimination against LGBT persons.

I thank you