

Good morning,

We understand sustainable development as one based on human dignity as a fundamental right. That is:

- To live according to your own life plan
- To live well
- To live w/o humiliations and fear

States must guarantee that each person can develop their own life project

With exclusion and hate crimes there can be no development and even less sustainable development.

Sustainability is a process of progressive change in the quality of life of persons in all its diversity. States must acknowledge that development policies have a differential impact on on the grounds of social, geopolitical sexual discrimination and also those based on gender identity and expression, physical or mental conditions, age, ethnicity and all others. To be truly sustainable, development must not assume we are all equal but seek equality and equity. This is why we celebrate the passing of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples, in which we feel included.

Strengthening countries in the Americas depends on full citizens participation that can only happen in a context of genuine democracy, with secular States and inclusive policies. Imposing a particular religious belief or economic models that benefit only the most privileged (neoliberal models) is incompatible not only with sustainable development but also with true democracy.

States can not be neutral before inequality and discrimination. Without us, democracy will still be incomplete.

Discrimination kills. It is questionable that a State that does not guarantee the right to life to its people and particularly its HRD dares to object to a resolution against discrimination and violence. Honduras hurts us. In the last 10 years, 235 LGBT people have been murdered there.

We demand that States

1. Adopt legislations and public policies according to the HR, SO and GI resolutions passed by previous General Assemblies
2. Adopt measures to guarantee full exercise of their HR to LGBTTI populations particularly in areas like access to justice, decriminalizing same-sex relations and gender expressions, gender identity recognition for trans persons - including girls, boys and adolescents - and secure adequate funding as a response to HIV.
3. In the context of the Afrodescendants Decade, we urge States to provide funding for actions guaranteeing their full development and restitution of rights to Afrodescendant LGBTI peoples of the Americas
4. To consider the proposal of an IA Convention on SSRR and RRRR
5. To promote direct participation of LGBTTI persons and civil society groups in the definition and implementation of national development plans and other policies.

***That the General Assembly:***

Adopts the proposed resolution on HR, SO, GI and GE submitted by Brazil and co-sponsors, and the resolution on Torture submitted by Uruguay, whose initiatives we celebrate.

For truth, justice and reparation, all LGBTI activists murdered in Honduras (PRESENT) and in Latin America and the Caribbean (PRESENT)