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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 7 July 2025

59/5. Mandate of Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

The Human Rights Council,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, in which the Assembly stated that the Human Rights Council should be responsible for promoting universal respect for the protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind and in a fair and equal manner,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolutions 17/19 of 17 June 2011, 27/32 of 26 September 2014, 32/2 of 30 June 2016, 41/18 of 12 July 2019 and 50/10 of 7 July 2022,

Recalling further Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007,

1. *Welcomes* the work undertaken by the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the implementation of the mandate, the comprehensive, transparent and inclusive consultations conducted with relevant stakeholders, the thematic reports and the undertaking of country visits to different regions;¹

2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity for a period of three years to enable the mandate holder to continue to work in accordance with the mandate established by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 32/2;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to provide the Independent Expert with all the human, technical and financial resources necessary for the continuation of the effective fulfilment of the mandate;

4. *Calls upon* all Governments to cooperate with and assist the Independent Expert by supplying all necessary information requested by the mandate holder, and

¹ See A/HRC/59/43, A/HRC/59/43/Add.1 and A/HRC/59/43/Add.2.



responding favourably to the requests of the Independent Expert to visit their countries to fulfil the mandate more effectively;

5. *Requests* the Independent Expert to continue to report annually on the implementation of the mandate to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly in accordance with their respective programmes of work.

31st meeting

7 July 2025

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 29 to 15, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Dominican Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Kenya, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), North Macedonia, Republic of Korea, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Viet Nam

Against:

Algeria, Bangladesh, Burundi, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Gambia, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malawi, Maldives, Morocco, Qatar, Sudan

Abstaining:

Benin, Ghana, Kyrgyzstan]
