

Universal Declaration of Transgender Rights

Preamble

We, the undersigned, recognize the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family as the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world. We acknowledge that transgender individuals have long faced systemic discrimination, marginalization, and violence, denying them the full enjoyment of their human rights.

In affirming the principles set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments, we declare that all transgender individuals are entitled to the same fundamental rights and freedoms without distinction of any kind.

With a commitment to promoting social justice, equality, and respect for human diversity, we present the Universal Declaration of Transgender Rights as a guiding framework for the protection and promotion of the rights of transgender people worldwide.

This declaration stands as a testament to our collective responsibility to ensure that every individual, regardless of gender identity, can live a life of dignity, free from discrimination, fear, and violence. We call upon governments, institutions, and individuals to uphold and implement these rights in their policies, laws, and daily practices, fostering a world where everyone can live freely and authentically.

1. ****Right to Gender Identity and Expression****: Every individual has the right to define, express, and live their gender identity without fear of coercion, discrimination, or violence. This includes the freedom to change one's name and gender markers on all personal identification and official documents without undue burdens.

2. ****Right to Privacy****: Transgender individuals have the right to privacy regarding their transgender status and history. Personal information relating to a transgender individual's gender transition should be considered confidential and protected by law.

3. ****Right to Health Care****: Every transgender person has the right to access comprehensive healthcare services, including gender-affirming treatments and mental health support, without discrimination. Healthcare systems should provide services that are respectful, informed, and free from pathologization of transgender identities.

4. ****Right to Safety and Protection****: Transgender individuals have the right to live free from violence, harassment, and bullying. Governments must implement measures to protect transgender people from hate crimes, domestic violence, and workplace harassment, ensuring their physical and psychological integrity.

5. ****Right to Non-Discrimination****: Transgender individuals are entitled to equal protection under the law and should not face discrimination in employment, education, housing, public accommodations, and social services based on their gender identity or expression.

6. ****Right to Legal Recognition****: Transgender people have the right to legal recognition of their gender identity. States should facilitate gender marker changes on identification documents through a process that is accessible and respects the dignity of the individual.

7. ****Right to Education****: Transgender individuals have the right to a safe and inclusive educational environment. Educational institutions must adopt policies that respect transgender students' identities, including the use of chosen names and pronouns, and access to facilities that correspond with their gender identity.

8. ****Right to Employment****: Transgender individuals have the right to fair and equal employment opportunities. Employers must not discriminate on the basis of gender identity or expression and should implement policies that promote inclusion and respect for all employees.

9. ****Right to Participation in Public Life****: Transgender individuals have the right to participate fully in cultural, political, and social life. This includes the right to form and join associations, express opinions, and access public spaces and services without discrimination.

10. ****Right to Family Life****: Transgender people have the right to marry and form families. They should not face discrimination in adoption, parenting, or relationship recognition based on their gender identity.

11. ****Right to Asylum****: Transgender individuals fleeing persecution due to their gender identity have the right to seek asylum and protection in other countries.

12. ****Right to Accurate Representation****: Transgender individuals have the right to accurate and respectful representation in media, public discourse, and educational materials. Misrepresentation and stereotyping should be actively challenged.

This declaration serves as a foundational document to guide the creation of policies, laws, and practices that uphold the rights and dignity of transgender individuals,

promoting a world where everyone can live freely and authentically, regardless of gender identity.