

Universal Declaration Against Transphobia

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Preamble

Recognizing that all individuals, regardless of gender identity or expression, have the right to live with dignity, respect, and equality,

Affirming that transphobia, in all its forms, constitutes a violation of human rights and a barrier to social justice,

Recalling international human rights instruments that uphold the rights of transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse people, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Yogyakarta Principles,

Emphasizing the importance of inclusion, legal protection, and social acceptance in combating discrimination and violence against transgender individuals,

We, the undersigned, declare our commitment to eradicating transphobia and promoting a world in which all gender identities are recognized, respected, and protected.

Article 1: Definition of Transphobia

Transphobia is any form of prejudice, discrimination, violence, or systemic exclusion directed toward individuals based on their gender identity or expression. It includes, but is not limited to, social stigma, legal discrimination, harassment, and physical violence.

Article 2: Right to Gender Identity and Expression

Every person has the right to define and express their gender identity freely without fear of discrimination, violence, or coercion.

Article 3: Legal Recognition and Protections

All governments must ensure full legal recognition of transgender and non-binary identities, including the right to self-determined gender markers on identification documents, access to gender-affirming healthcare, and protection against discrimination in all areas of life.

Article 4: Protection from Violence and Hate Crimes

Transgender individuals must be protected from hate crimes, gender-based violence, and all forms of harassment. Governments and institutions must enact and enforce laws that criminalize transphobic violence and ensure justice for victims.

Article 5: Equal Access to Healthcare

Healthcare systems must provide accessible, non-discriminatory, and affirming medical care, including gender-affirming treatments, mental health support, and HIV/AIDS prevention, without barriers or stigma.

Article 6: Equal Rights in Employment and Education

No individual shall face discrimination in employment, education, housing, or public services based on their gender identity or expression. Employers, educators, and institutions must foster inclusive and supportive environments.

Article 7: Representation and Visibility

Governments, media, and cultural institutions must promote accurate and respectful representation of transgender and gender-diverse people to combat harmful stereotypes and foster greater societal acceptance.

Article 8: Right to Safe and Inclusive Spaces

Transgender individuals have the right to access public spaces, including restrooms, shelters, and recreational facilities, without fear of discrimination or harm.

Article 9: International Cooperation Against Transphobia

Nations, human rights organizations, and civil society must work together to eliminate transphobia through legal reforms, education, and trans-inclusive policies.

Article 10: Education and Awareness

Educational systems must include gender diversity in curricula, promote awareness of transgender rights, and counter misinformation that fuels transphobia.

Final Provisions

This Declaration serves as a guiding document for individuals, organizations, and governments committed to eradicating transphobia and ensuring equality for all gender identities.

Adopted on this day, in the spirit of dignity, equality, and justice for all.