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SOLIDARITY WITH THE UGANDA'S LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

From the Inter-American Committee of LGBTQIA+ Workers of Public Services International (PSI), we strongly condemn the bill passed by parliament in Uganda that sentences people who identify as LGBTQIA+ to life imprisonment.

The bill also includes the death penalty in certain cases.

This law represents a new offensive against LGBTQIA+ people in a country where same-sex relationships were already illegal and punished with life imprisonment. The law prohibits the development of activities in favor of the community, as well as the conspiracy to commit homosexual acts

In addition, it becomes one of the most anti-LGBTQIA+ laws in the world, punishing some crimes with the death penalty and imposing up to 20 years in prison for people who identify as part of this community.

This deeply repressive legislation will institutionalize discrimination, hatred and prejudice against LGBTQIA+ people, including those who are perceived as such.

In this sense, we want to express:

1. Our absolute opposition to this bill, which is full of hate and discrimination and incites violence.
2. That this bill tacitly violates human rights, as it violates international and regional norms established in this matter, as it unfairly punishes the fundamental rights of LGBTQIA+ people.
3. We condemn the censorship of the freedoms of LGBTQIA+ people, and the promotion and incitement of practices of cultural, social and discriminatory violence.
4. Furthermore, we oppose this law that criminalizes people for who they are, further restricting the rights to privacy and freedom of expression and association.



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Based on the foregoing, WE EXPRESS:

Our solidarity and fraternity to all Ugandan LGBTQIA+ people, and the absolute rejection of this type of political practices laden with ignorance and violence.

In addition, we consider that the Ugandan President, Yoweri Museveni, must "veto" the bill approved by Parliament to toughen punishments against the LGBTQIA+ community, as we reiterate that it is not only a rule that institutionalizes hatred, but also, for turn, opposes human rights.

**No more violence, no more injustices, no more
legitimization of hatred, no more inequalities, no more
discrimination.**

By the Inter-American Committee of LGBTQIA+ Workers of Public Services International.

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