

SITUATION OF LGBTIQ+ PEOPLE IN COSTA RICA

UPR Info Pre-sesiones

Background: Third UPR Cycle

During the 33rd Session of the UPR Working Group, Costa Rica received 15 SOGIESC recommendations, of which it only accepted two and took note of two.

CONVERSION THERAPIES



“Conversion therapies” exist in Costa Rica and there are multiple testimonies from victims. Some churches promote these practices through social media (even though the College of Psychologists of Costa Rica has already spoken out against them).

Recommendations

- Ban the use of all “Conversion Therapy”
- Consider them torture and discriminatory acts.
- Pass legislation to punish and address all forms of discrimination-related violence, including sanctions for perpetrators of hate speech (111.19 carried out by Mexico in 2019)

INTERSEX PEOPLE



In Costa Rica, surgical interventions are performed on newborns with Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia in which “corrective surgeries” are performed to “make them have the “standard” female anatomy, with a urethral opening and vaginal canal” and “a reduction in the size of the clitoris.”

Recommendations

- Ensure that intersex people will not be subjected to surgery without their prior, free and informed consent.
- Develop protocols and/or clinical guidelines to support families of intersex people.
- Establish clinical guidelines or protocols for the comprehensive approach and care of intersex people at all stages of life.
- Generate statistical data on total births of intersex people per year, including province, region and health center. In line with recommendation 111.35 (Malta)

ACCESS TO TRANS EMPLOYMENT



Recommendation 111.38 (Uruguay) is “not yet implemented”, while the Costa Rican State has not made complementary efforts to guarantee access to employment for trans people.

Recommendations

- Generate state policies aimed at promoting employment for the trans population and encouraging private companies to generate employment policies for trans people.
- Urge the Ministry of Labor to conduct studies on complaints and administrative processes in public and private workplaces regarding acts of discrimination based on gender identity.