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# LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS IN KAZAKHSTAN

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## **Introduction**

Kazakhstan received 14 recommendations on protecting LGBTQIA+ rights as part of the UPR (I – 1, II – 2, III – 11).

None of these recommendations have been implemented, not even partially.

## **Rights of Transgender People**

Mandatory sterilization and psychiatric evaluation for changing the gender marker in documents

Access to medical and social assistance only from age 21

59 cases of violence against transgender people in 2023, with around 30% involving police

# **LGBTQIA+ Freedoms**

Inability to organize peaceful assemblies

Unjust rejections in attempts to register queer initiatives with the state

Police raids and arbitrary detentions

Blocking of LGBTQIA+ resources

## **Recommendations:**

- 1) Adopt anti-discrimination legislation explicitly prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity
- 2) Eliminate requirements for sterilization and psychiatric evaluation for legal gender recognition, reduce age restrictions, and ensure the right to free self-identification

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3) Amend the law on peaceful assemblies to establish a notification-based process, eliminating the practice of denying assemblies and organization registrations on grounds related to rejection of sexual orientation and gender identity, so that LGBTQIA+ individuals can safely exercise their rights to freedom of assembly and association.

## **Recommendations:**

- 4) End extrajudicial blocking of online resources, ensure access to information, and eliminate broad interpretations of legislation targeting LGBTQIA+ mentions
- 5) Conduct independent oversight and review of the legality of law enforcement actions against LGBTQIA+ individuals to ensure objective case assessments and hold accountable those responsible.

**Thank you for your attention!**

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