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## **Statement Condemning the Enactment of the Anti-Homosexuality Act in Uganda**

We, the undersigned LGBTIQ+ organisations strongly condemn the recent assent of the Anti-Homosexuality Act in Uganda by President Yoweri Museveni. This legislation not only violates the basic principles of human rights but also undermines the dignity, freedom, and equality of LGBTIQ+ individuals in Uganda.

As organisations committed to promoting and safeguarding the rights of LGBTIQ+ individuals in Kenya and beyond, we firmly believe in inclusivity, non-discrimination, and respect for diversity. We stand in solidarity with our LGBTIQ+ counterparts in Uganda and affirm that love, identity, and consensual relationships should never be criminalized.

The Anti-Homosexuality Act is a clear violation of international human rights standards, including the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. It undermines the fundamental rights to privacy, dignity, freedom of expression, association, and protection from discrimination for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

We voice our profound apprehension for the LGBTIQ+ community in Uganda, who now face increased threats to their safety, well-being, and basic human rights. We urge the Ugandan Parliament to reconsider this regressive legislation and immediately repeal the Anti-Homosexuality Act, ensuring the protection and inclusion of all its citizens, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.



Furthermore, we call upon governments, regional bodies, and international organisations to denounce this legislation and exert diplomatic pressure on Uganda to uphold the principles of human rights, equality, and non-discrimination. We encourage all to use their influence to support repealing the Anti-Homosexuality Act and promote laws and policies that safeguard the rights and well-being of all individuals, irrespective of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

To the LGBTIQ+ community in Uganda, we want to assure you that you are not alone. We stand beside you in this challenging time and will continue to advocate for your rights, safety, and well-being. We urge the international community to provide support and resources to organisations and activists on the ground who are working tirelessly to protect the rights of LGBTIQ+ individuals in Uganda.

Finally, we reiterate our commitment to the principles of human rights, equality, and justice. We will continue to collaborate with like-minded organizations, both locally and internationally, to create a society that embraces diversity and respects the rights and dignity of all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity and/or expression.

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- Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC)
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