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## Resolution #168

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**Committee:** HRC

**The Question Of:** Transgender athletes competing in international sporting events

**Main Submitter:** France

**Co-Submitters:** New Zealand, Austria, Australia, Cambodia, Czech Republic, Norway

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,

*Recognising* that the Olympic charter states that 'every individual must have the possibility of practicing sport, without discrimination of any kind',

*Fully alarmed* that some countries are attempting to 'convert' transgender people back to their original gender using methods such as conversion therapy,

*Acknowledging* the International Olympic Committee determined criteria by which a transgender woman may be eligible to compete in the female category, requiring total serum testosterone levels to be suppressed below 10 nmol/L for at least 12 months prior to and during competition,

*Designating* the United Nations (UN), condemns that the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) forces women athletes to cut testosterone. Forcing female athletes to control their testosterone level might contravene according to the United Nations top human rights group to amid an escalating row over transgender competitors,

1. **Calls for** the creation of a UN sub-body to be called the United Nations Transgender Welfare Organisation (UNTWO) that would:

- a. Provide counselling for those struggling with their gender identity, and support people who decide to change their gender,
- b. Advocate for the inclusion of transgender athletes in professional sports, through ways such as, but not limited to full investigations into claims of discrimination within teams or clubs, or outside of the individual's own club, with sanctions for the accused individual if the accusations are proved correct,
- c. Supporting young people through ways such as, but not limited to:
  - i. The creation of a helpline that would provide counselling to children
  - ii. Supporting children who are being either physically or mentally abused because of their sexuality or gender;

2. **Further calls for** the exclusion of the role of gender in intellectual sports and activities in international competitions such as chess and other sports and activities where the physical nature of the athletes does not play a significant role from a biological perspective, to be decided by governing sports bodies;

3. **Encourages** the launch of a global mass media campaign in conjunction with the UNTWO to be publicly displayed on all platforms including but not limited to billboards, social media, television, radio, online and in-

person seminars and biodegradable leaflets with the aims of educating people about:

- a. The issues faced by transgender people and the LGBTQ+ community,
- b. The importance of the inclusion of transgender athletes in professional sports,
- c. How to support people in this community,
- d. The importance of using the correct pronoun for a person,
- e. How and where they can receive help if they are struggling with their identity;

4. **Asks for** the provision of grants by the UNTWO to health organisations to support transgender athletes who wish to undergo sex realignment surgery who cannot afford the procedure on their own;

5. **Requests** that the UNTWO work in conjunction with the International Olympics Committee (IOC) to ensure that transgender people are given more chances to compete in the 2024 Olympics and future competitions;

6. **Calls upon** the IOC to allow individuals who have undergone female-to-male sex reassignment before puberty to participate as males, and individuals who have undergone male-to-female sex reassignment before puberty to participate as females, without restriction.

7. **Urges** that the IOC, the UN, and individual governments allow transgender athletes to compete in sports without requiring them to have surgery or hormone therapy albeit ensuring that their testosterone levels are around the level that their respective genders conventionally capacitate;

8. **Strongly urges** states to ban conversion therapies and other tortures on the LGBTQ+ community;

9. **Further suggests** the introduction of helplines such as drop boxes and phone lines to provide support to young people experiencing gender dysphoria, discrimination or abuse because of their gender identity;

10. **Advocates** the establishment an annual international meeting to be hosted in conjunction with the IOC and the UNTWO, and involving members of the transgender community, to discuss transgender policies, and playing sports more accessible to transgender people.