

## Issues' Analysis

### **-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights-** *Session 1-5*

#### **Introduction**

This issue is raised fairly often within the context of the Universal Periodic Review. Out of over 5000 recommendations in total over 5 sessions, 119 recommendations focussed on LGBT rights.<sup>1</sup> In total, 33 advance questions concerned this issue. Overall, 23 states made recommendations and asked questions on LGBT rights, while 54 States under Review received questions and recommendations. Most recommendations and questions came from the WEOG region (respectively 81% and 79%). While all regions received questions and recommendations on this issue, the African region received the most (respectively 36% and 37%).

The recommendations and questions covered various issues, related to amendment of legislation, treaty body recommendations, the Yogyakarta principles, discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, ill-treatment and violence, equal rights for same sex partners, decriminalisation of consensual same sex relationships, promotion of tolerance and awareness raising, and inclusion of LGBT rights issues in human rights training.

#### **Top 5 countries making recommendations on this issue**

1. Czech Republic (26 recommendations)
2. Netherlands (16 recommendations)
3. Slovenia (14 recommendations)  
Canada (14 recommendations)
5. Sweden (9 recommendations)

#### **Top 4 States under Review receiving recommendations on this issue**

1. Botswana (8 recommendations)  
Senegal (8 recommendations)
3. Barbados (7 recommendations)  
Cameroon (7 recommendations)

#### **Top 4 countries posing advance written questions on this issue**

1. Netherlands (11 questions)
2. Czech Republic (6 questions)  
Sweden (6 questions)  
United Kingdom (6 questions)

#### **Top 2 States under Review receiving advance written questions on this issue**

1. Senegal (6 questions)
2. Mauritius (3 questions)

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<sup>1</sup> For more detailed data, see the table.