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Yesterday, the Human Rights Council of the United Nations has appointed the Costa Rican jurist, Víctor Madrigal-Borloz, as the new Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity. The nomination had been proposed last week by the president of the body whose members are 47 governments charged with overseeing human rights throughout the world.

As Principal Human Rights Specialist in the IACHR, and through his work as the Principal Advisor on LGBTI rights, Mr. Madrigal-Borloz has collaborated with our Coalition on a constant basis, fundamentally helping to raise awareness in that organization about the situation LGBTI people face in the region.

From that experience we have no doubt that his permanent practice for the defense of the rights of LGBTI people in the most diverse international forums and his unwavering exercise of dialogue with civil society will provide valuable tools to his new role, which we urge Take into account a much needed intersectional perspective and a feminist approach.

Mr. Madrigal-Borloz, appointed for an initial period of three years renewable, will be in charge of evaluating the application of international human rights laws on sexual orientation and gender identity, raising awareness about violence and discrimination suffered by LGBT communities, engage in dialogue and cooperate with States to implement measures and provide advice and technical assistance when necessary.

The appointment process of Mr. Madrigal-Borloz calls us to reflect on the lack of diversity by gender, region, race, and other intersectional characteristics among the candidates who applied for this position; there were no trans or gender non-binary people. An issue that also addressed the President of the Human Rights Council to point out the lack of women candidates for this position

Taking into account our past experience, from this Coalition we are ready and willing to continue collaborating with the work of Mr. Madrigal-Borloz and we want to send our congratulations for this new role.

The Coalition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transvestite, Transgender and Intersex Organizations (LGBTTTI) with work within the framework of the OAS, which groups 53 non-governmental organizations in 27 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in defense of the human rights of these groups.

On behalf of and representing the organizations belonging to the Coalition:

1. Argentina AKAHATA Equipo de Trabajo en Sexualidades y Género
2. Argentina ATTTA (RedLACTrans)
3. Bahamas The D Marco Organization (RedLACTrans)
4. Belize TIA Belize (RedLACTrans)
5. Belize United Belize Advocacy Movement (UNIBAM)

6. Bolivia Red Nacional de Mujeres Trans en Bolivia (REDTREBOL)
(RedLACTrans)
7. Bolivia Fundación Diversencia
8. Brasil Articulação Política das Juventudes Negras
9. Brasil Grupo Ativista de Travestis, Transexuais e Amig@s (GATTA)
10. Brasil Grupo Esperança
11. Brasil Liga Brasileira de Lesbicas (LBL)
12. Brasil Rede Nacional de Negr@s e Afros LGBTTT (Rede-afros-igbts)
13. Chile Asociación OTD Organizando Trans Diversidades
14. Chile Sindicato Amanda Jofré (RedLACTrans)
15. Colombia Asociación Lideres en Acción
16. Colombia Colombia Diversa
17. Colombia Fundación Santamaría
18. Colombia Red Comunitaria Trans (RedLACTrans)
19. Costa Rica Mulabi - Espacio Latinoamericano de Sexualidades y Derechos
20. Costa Rica TRANSVIDA (RedLACTrans)
21. Dominica Dominica Chapter of the Caribbean HIV and AIDS partnership
(ChapDominica)
22. Ecuador Asociación Alfil (RedLACTrans)
23. Ecuador Taller de Comunicación Mujer
24. El Salvador Asociación Aspidh Arcoiris (RedLACTrans)
25. Grenada Grenada Chapter of the Caribbean HIV and AIDS Partnership
(GrenCHAP)
26. Guatemala Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche (OTRANS) (RedLACTrans)
27. Guyana Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination (SASOD)
28. Honduras Colectivo Unidad Color Rosa (RedLACTrans)
29. Honduras APUVIMEH – Asociación Para Una Vida Mejor de Personas
Infectadas/Afectadas por el VIH-SIDA en Honduras.
30. Jamaica Jamaica Forum for Lesbians, All-sexuals and Gays (J-FLAG)
31. Mexico Letra S SIDA, Cultura y Vida Cotidiana
32. Mexico Red Mexicana de Mujeres Trans (RedLACTrans)
33. Nicaragua Red Nicaragüense de Activistas Trans (REDTRANS)
34. Nicaragua ODETRANS (RedLACTrans)
35. Panama Asociación Panameña de Personas Trans (RedLACTrans)
36. Paraguay Aireana Grupo por los Derechos de las Lesbianas
37. Paraguay Asociación Panambi (RedLACTrans)
38. Paraguay Asociación Escalando
39. Peru Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y
Reproductivos (PROMISEX)
40. Peru Instituto Runa de Desarrollo y Estudios sobre Género
41. Perú Red Trans Perú (RedLACTrans)
42. Regional Caribbean Forum for Liberation and Acceptance of Genders
and Sexualities (CARIFLAGS)
43. Regional Synergia – Iniciativas por los Derechos Humanos
44. Regional Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Personas Trans
(REDLACTRANS)
45. Republica Dominicana Colectiva Mujer y Salud
46. República Dominicana COTRAVEDT (RedLACTrans)

47. St Lucia United & Strong
48. Suriname Women's Way
49. Trinidad and Tobago Allies for Justice & Diversity
50. Uruguay Asociación Trans del Uruguay (ATRU)
51. Uruguay Colectivo Ovejas Negras
52. Venezuela Venezuela Diversa Asociacion Civil
53. Venezuela Diversidad e Igualdad a Través de la Ley (DIVERLEX)