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Thank you.

I'm an intersex person speaking on behalf of my Nepali peers who can't afford travelling to Geneva.

As shown in our Joint NGO report,¹ **intersex genital mutilation** remains a **growing practice** in Nepal, including partial clitoris amputation.

Infanticide and **child abandonment** are frequent. There are reports of **expulsion of adolescents from their families**, of **forced marriage** to avoid conspicuousness, of **bullying and abuse** preventing intersex children from attending school.

In 2016, **CRC** urged Nepal to eliminate **harmful practices** on intersex children.² To this day the **State party fails to act**. Also in its replies to the LOI, Nepal simply **ignored the questions on intersex**.³

Intersex people demand **protection from harmful practices**⁴ and the full enjoyment of human rights.

Thank you.

1 <http://intersex.shadowreport.org/public/2018-CEDAW-Nepal-NGO-Intersex-IGM.pdf>

2 CRC/C/NPL/CO/3-5, paras 38, 41-42

3 CEDAW/C/NPL/Q/6, para 8(d). See also our NGO report, p. 12-14

4 CEDAW/C/FRA/CO/7-8, paras 18e-f + 19e-f; CEDAW/C/CHE/CO/4-5, paras 24-25, 38-39; CEDAW/C/NLD/CO/6, paras 21-22, 23-24; CEDAW/C/DEU/CO/7-8, paras 23-24; CEDAW/C/IRL/CO/6-7, paras 24-25; CEDAW/C/CHL/CO/7, paras 22-23, 12(d)-13(d), 14(d)-15(d); CEDAW/C/LUX/CO/6-7, paras 27b-c + 28b-c; CEDAW/C/MEX/CO/9, para 21 – 22; CEDAW/C/NZL/CO/8, paras 23(c) – 24(c); CEDAW/C/AUS/CO/8, paras 25(c) – 26(c); CRC/C/CHE/CO/2-4, paras 42-43; CRC/C/CHL/CO/4-5, paras 48-49; CRC/C/FRA/CO/5, paras 47-48; CRC/C/IRL/CO/3-4, paras 39-40; CRC/C/NPL/CO/3-5, paras 41-42; CRC/C/GBR/CO/5, paras 46-47; CRC/C/NZL/CO/5, paras 25 + 15; CRC/C/ZAF/CO/2, paras 39-40 + 23-24; CRC/C/DNK/CO/5, paras 24+12; CRC/C/ESP/CO/5-6, para 24; CRC/C/ARG/CO/5-6, para 26