

Intersex Resources

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Demands

2011: 1st International Intersex Forum (Brussels, 3-5 September 2011)

<https://www.ilga-europe.org/what-we-do/our-advocacy-work/trans-and-intersex/intersex/events/first-ever-international-intersex>

2012: 2nd International Intersex Forum (Stockholm, 9-11 December 2012)

<https://www.ilga-europe.org/what-we-do/our-advocacy-work/trans-and-intersex/intersex/events/2nd-international-intersex-forum>

2013: 3rd International Intersex Forum (Valetta, Malta, 29 November - 1 December 2013)

<https://oiieurope.org/malta-declaration/>

The in depth list of joint demands from the 3rd International Intersex Forum is now the basis for the international and European intersex human rights activism.

2014: European Intersex Meeting (Riga, 8 November)

<http://oiieurope.org/statement-of-the-european-intersex-meeting-in-riga-2014/>

The objectives and demands formulated by the 1st European Intersex Meeting are the basis for OII Europe's work in Europe.

2017: Vienna Statement (March 2017)

<https://oiieurope.org/statement-1st-european-intersex-community-event-vienna-30st-31st-march-2017/>

Statement of the 1st European Intersex Community Event.

2017: Darlington Statement (March 2017)

<https://oii.org.au/wp-content/uploads/key/Darlington-Statement.pdf>

Joint consensus statement by Australian and Aotearoa/New Zealand intersex organisations and independent advocates

2017: 4th International Intersex Forum – Media Statement

<https://oiieurope.org/4th-international-intersex-forum-media-statement/>

2018: First Asian Intersex Forum – Media Statement

<https://www.astraeafoundation.org/stories/first-asian-intersex-forum/>

Important human rights documents dealing with intersex issues

Green: Not mentioning intersex but have been applied in other documents

NOTE for UN Bodies' recommendations and final conclusions:

- You can find the full recommendations by searching <http://uhri.ohchr.org>.
- This list does only include recommendations made specifically in regards to intersex people; on <http://uhri.ohchr.org> you can also find those recommendations, where intersex people are mentioned under the LGBTI umbrella e.g. for provision of hate crime legislation or measures against discrimination

UNITED NATIONS

2014: OHCHR, UN Women, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO: Eliminating forced, coercive and otherwise involuntary sterilization: An interagency statement

http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/gender_rights/eliminating-forced-sterilization/en/

2014: United Nations: Intersex People and Human Rights: Violations, Voices and Visions. (Side event at the UN prior to the 25th Session of the Human Rights Council in March 2014)

<http://youtu.be/hhTTYqCv7gE>

2014: Statement by Navi Pillay United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the occasion of the presentation of the ILGA “LGBTI Friend of the Year” award and 2014 State-Sponsored Homophobia report and the Panel on International Human Rights Law and Sexual Orientation

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=14654&LangID=E>

2015: United Nations (2015): Human Rights of Intersex Persons (Side event at the 30th Session of the Human Rights Council in September 2015) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPGOnBSYbOc#t=20>

2015: United Nations High Commissioners for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein Opening Speech for the 30th Session of the Human Rights Council

<https://ihra.org.au/29966/statement-hrc30-intersex/>

2015: Opening remarks by Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at the Expert meeting on ending human rights violations against intersex persons

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=16431&LangID=E#sthash.AxF1cw1j.dpuf>

United Nations General Assembly

2009: United Nations General Assembly: Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (A/64/272, par. 49, foot. 67)

<http://www.refworld.org/pdfid/4aa762e30.pdf>

2011: United Nations General Assembly: Discriminatory laws and practices and acts of violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity (A/HRC/19/41, par. 57)

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Discrimination/A.HRC.19.41_English.pdf

2013: United Nations General Assembly: Report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Juan E. Méndez (A/HRC/22/53)

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/RegularSession/Session22/A.HRC.22.53_English.pdf

2015: United Nations General Assembly: Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (A/70/213)

http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/213

2019: United Nations General Assembly: Human Rights Council Fortieth session. Elimination of discrimination against women and girls in sport (A/HRC/40/L.10/Rev.1)

http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/40/L.10/Rev.1

2021: United Nations General Assembly: Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy, Joseph A. Cannataci (A/HRC/46/37)

<https://undocs.org/A/HRC/46/37>

2021: United Nations General Assembly: Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, Tlaleng Mofokeng (A/HRC/50/28)

<https://www.undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FHRC%2F50%2F28&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False>

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

2013: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: Children's right to physical integrity

<https://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-DocDetails-en.asp?FileID=20057&lang=en>

2017: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: Promoting the human rights of and eliminating discrimination against intersex people

<http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-DocDetails-en.asp?FileID=24027&lang=en>

Commissioner of Human Rights of the Council of Europe

2014: Council of Europe Commissioner of Human Rights Comment: A boy or a girl or a person – intersex people lack recognition in Europe

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/a-boy-or-a-girl-or-a-person-intersex-people-lack-recognition-in-euro-1>

2015: Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Issue paper: Human Rights and Intersex People

<https://rm.coe.int/16806da5d4>

ECRI (European Commission against Racism and Intolerance)

2019: ECRI Report on Germany

<https://rm.coe.int/ecri-report-on-germany-sixth-monitoring-cycle-/16809ce4be>

2019: ECRI Report on Switzerland

<https://rm.coe.int/ecri-report-on-switzerland-sixth-monitoring-cycle-/16809ce4bd%202020>

2020: ECRI Report on Austria

<https://rm.coe.int/report-on-austria-6th-monitoring-cycle-/16809e826f>

2020: ECRI Report on the Slovak Republic

<https://rm.coe.int/ecri-6th-report-on-the-slovak-republic/1680a0a088>

EUROPEAN UNION

European Parliament

2019: European Parliament resolution on the rights of intersex people

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/B-8-2019-0101_EN.pdf

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

2015: Fundamental Rights Agency focus paper: The Fundamental Rights Situation of Intersex People

<http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra-2015-focus-04-intersex.pdf>

European Commission

2020: EU LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025, p. 15

https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/lgbtiq-equality-strategy-2020-2025_en

2021: EU strategy on the rights of the child, p. 11-13

https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/eu-strategy-rights-child-graphics_en

OTHER STATEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

2006: Out Games 2006 International Conference on LGBT Human Rights, Montreal July 29, 2006: Declaration of Montreal on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Human Rights

<http://www.declarationofmontreal.org/DeclarationofMontreal.pdf>

2012: 12th International Symposium on Law, Genital Autonomy & Children's Rights Helsinki, Finland, 29 September to 3 October 2012: The 2012 Helsinki Declaration of the Right to Genital Autonomy

http://www.genitalautonomy.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Hel-Dec-Final_WM.pdf

2012: Swiss National Advisory Commission on Biomedical Ethics: On the management of differences of sex development Opinion No. 20/2012. Ethical issues relating to "intersexuality"

<https://www.aph.gov.au/DocumentStore.ashx?id=8aae774b-1b64-4ae1-947f-8ee2724ae21a>

2013: Australian Senate, Community Affairs References Committee: Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of intersex people in Australia

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/Involuntary_Sterilisation/Sec_Report/index

2014: 2nd IDAHO Forum: Declaration of Intent

http://www.idaho2014forum.org/images/prs/IDAHO_declaration_of_Intent_Final.pdf

<https://www.bmfsfj.de/blob/75750/cd3dba451ec8a39d1721decbb187d6a4/idaho-erklaerung-unterzeichnet-data.pdf>

2014: Resolution of the 24th Conference Equality and Women Ministers and Senators of the German Länder (GMFK), Top 8.1

https://www.gleichstellungsministerkonferenz.de/documents/2014_10_13_beschluesse_gesamt_extern_2_1510227377.pdf

2017: Statement of the BanFGM Conference on the worldwide ban on female genital mutilation (Rome, Italy on 30-31 January 2017)

http://www.npwj.org/sites/default/files/ressources/Declaration%20in%20EN_rev.pdf

2018: US, California: Senate Concurrent Resolution No.110 — Relative to sex characteristics

<https://interactadvocates.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/SCR-110-Text-August-2018.pdf>

2019: Intersex Human Rights Australia (IHRA) Response to the OHCHR questionnaire on Human Rights Council resolution 40/5

<https://ihra.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/IHRA-20191104-sport-OHCHR.pdf>

2020: Intersex children and the violation of their right to privacy OII Europe submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy

https://oiieurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020_UN-SR-Right-to-Privacy-Submission_OII-Europe_FINAL-public.pdf

2020: Joint statement by 33+ countries at the UN Human Rights Council

<https://ihra.org.au/36635/hrc45/>

The Yogyakarta Principles

2006: Yogyakarta Principles on the Application of International Human Rights Law in relation to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

http://data.unaids.org/pub/manual/2007/070517_yogyakarta_principles_en.pdf

2017: The Yogyakarta Principles Plus 10

Additional Principles and State Obligations on the Application of International Human Rights Law in Relation to Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics to Complement the Yogyakarta Principles

http://yogyakartaprinciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/A5_yogyakartaWEB-2.pdf

Additional resources in thematic order

OII Europe/ ILGA-Europe Intersex Allies Toolkit

- Dan Christian Ghattas (2016): Standing up for the human rights of intersex people – how can you help? Ed. by ILGA Europe and OII Europe. <http://oiieurope.org/standing-up-for-the-human-rights-of-intersex-people-how-can-you-help/>

OII Europe/ IGLYO/ EPA Parents Toolkit

- Supporting your intersex child (2018) – A parents’ toolkit by IGLYO/ OII Europe/ EPA <https://oiieurope.org/parents-toolkit/>

WHO/ICD Revision

- Intersex Issues in the International Classification of Diseases: a revision (2015) <https://transactivists.org/intersex-issues-in-the-international-classification-of-diseases-icd/>
- Submission by GATE to the World Health Organization: Intersex codes in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) 11 Beta Draft (2017) <https://transactivists.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/GATE-ICD-intersex-submission.pdf>

Intersex and Disability

- OII Europe (2015): Statement of OII Europe on Intersex, Disability and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. http://oiieurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/CRPD_2015_Statement_OII_Europe.pdf

Employment

- Morgan Carpenter, Dawn Hough (2014): Employers’ Guide to Intersex Inclusion. Ed. by OII Australia and Pride in Diversity <http://ihra.org.au/wp-content/uploads/key/Employer-Guide-Intersex-Inclusion.pdf>

Policies

- Maltese educational policy on how to accommodate the needs of trans, intersex and gender-variant students (2015) <http://education.gov.mt/en/resources/News/Pages/News%20items/Imniedi-d-dokument-%E2%80%98Trans,-Gender-Variant-and-Intersex-Students-in-Schools%E2%80%99.aspx>

Reports on the human rights of intersex people

- Asia Pacific Forum: Promoting and Protecting Human Rights in relation to Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Sex Characteristics (2016)
http://www.asiapacificforum.net/media/resource_file/SOGI_and_Sex_Characteristics_Manual_86Y1pVM.pdf
- 24. GMFK Konferenz (2014): Top 8.1: Rechte intersexueller Menschen wahren und Diskriminierung beenden – insbesondere Schutz der körperlichen Unversehrtheit
https://www.gleichstellungsministerkonferenz.de/documents/2014_10_13_beschluesse_gesamt_extern_2_1510227377.pdf
English translation of the most important part:
<http://oiieurope.org/german-ministers-statement-2014/>
- Dan Christian Ghattas (2013): Human Rights between the Sexes. A preliminary study on the life situations of inter* individuals. Ed. by the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation. Berlin
<http://www.boell.de/en/2013/10/21/human-rights-between-sexes>

Movies, Articles and Books

- *Entre Deux Sexes – Zwischen Zwei Geschlechtern – Between Two Sexes* (2017, directed by Régine Abadia, with Vincent Guillot and Ins A Kromminga and the participants of the international intersex residence of Douarnenez) an excellent, respectful, moving and empowering documentary which was made in very close cooperation with European intersex activists.
- Mauro Cabral (2015): The marks on our bodies (Article published for Intersex Awareness Day, 26th of October <http://intersexday.org/en/mauro-cabral-marks-bodies/>)
- *Inter – Erfahrungen intergeschlechtlicher Menschen in der Welt der zwei Geschlechter* (2013, ed. by Barth, Ghattas, Böttger, Schneider), a collection of essays and conversations on the experience of intersex individuals from five continents.
- *Intersexion* (Documentary featuring various intersex people's life histories, New Zealand, 2012)
- *Orchids, My Intersex Adventure* (Autobiographical documentary about an intersex filmmaker, Australia, 2010)
- *Interdicciones – Escrituras de la Intersexualidad en Castellano* (2009, ed. by M. Cabral), a collection of essays and conversations on the experience of intersex people in Latin America and Spain.
- *El último verano de la Boyita* (Feature film about an intersex adolescent and their friend, Julia Solomonoff, Argentina, 2009)
- *XXY* (Feature film about an intersex adolescent, Argentina, Spain, France, 2007)

- Octopusalarm (OT: Tintenfischalarm, first European documentary about an intersex person, Austria, 2006)

Websites

oiieurope.org

intervisibility.eu

intersexday.org

interfaceproject.org

unfe.org/intersex-awareness/

ilga-europe.org/what-we-do/our-advocacy-work/trans-and-intersex/intersex