

LGBT Joint Submission
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Committee

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Political Rights

ICCPR

in Hong Kong Special
Administration Region, China

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Background Information and Contact Details for the Organization

Rainbow Action

Rainbow Action was founded on 10th December, 1999 (Human Rights Day) and is a registered organization in Hong Kong. Rainbow Action is one of the most active local activist groups fighting for human rights for sexual minorities in Hong Kong. We specialize in non-violent direct actions and public speeches voicing out human rights violations and discrimination cases in Hong Kong. Our actions often receive worldwide news media coverage. Issues we are concerned with include freedom of expression, unjust government ordinances and practices, discriminating policies, police harassment, quality of life issues amongst grass roots sexual minority communities etc.

We are a member of Pride Parade Hong Kong, International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, and Civil Human Rights Front (Hong Kong).

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Women Coalition of HKSAR (WCHK)

Women Coalition of HKSAR (WCHK) - a Provocative organization is dedicated to broaden the frontier for sexual movements and defend the human rights of sexual minorities. WCHK was established on 1st July 2003 and is a registered organization in the HKSAR. We do our work using a wide range of social movement tactics depending on the issue or message we want to deliver. We do research, hold press conferences, provide feature stories, direct actions, publications and public education talks and presentations.

WCHK is a female sexual minority group which aims to participate and contribute its efforts towards the local sexual minorities, including Lesbian, Bisexual, Queer and transgender people. We defend the human rights of sexual minorities facing discrimination in civil, political, economic, social and cultural contexts due to their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. We are a member of International Lesbian and Gay Association - ILGA (International), Civil Human Rights Front (Hong Kong), and the Chinese Lala Alliance Advisory Board (Greater China).

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Introduction

Regarding **non-discrimination and equality (Articles 2, 3 and 26 of the ICCPR) in Hong Kong**, this LGBT joint submission has been prepared by Rainbow Action and Women Coalition of HKSAR. We entreat the Committee to make stronger more assertive concrete arguments and suggestions in its Suggestions and Recommendations to the HKSAR government to implement administrative measures and provide legal protection against discrimination on the grounds of **sexual orientation** and gender identity.

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