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**Submission to the Report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on engaging men and boys in preventing and responding to violence against all women and girls, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 35/10 of the Human Rights Council**

**About *Voice Male* Magazine**

For more than three decades, *Voice Male* has chronicled the social transformation of masculinity. Beginning as a newsletter for one of the earliest men’s centers in North America, *Voice Male* evolved into a magazine exploring critical issues relevant to men’s growth and health while cataloguing the damaging effects of men’s isolation and violence. Following in the feminist footsteps of women who sparked the gender justice movement, *Voice Male* assists men and boys on the journey to an egalitarian manhood championing gender justice for all. In its pages readers will discover a chorus of men’s voices—fathers, father figures and mentors; men of color; activist men; gay, bisexual, questioning, and trans men; and younger men. The voices of women ring clear and true in *Voice Male*, inspirational allies who have led the way in advocating and agitating for gender equality. *Voice Male* shines a bright light on a male positive, pro-feminist, gay/trans affirmative, anti-racist future for men, women, families and communities.

In 2014, an anthology was published, *Voice Male: The Untold Story of the Profeminist Men’s Movement*, including a history of the movement and featuring more than 125 articles, essays, and stories addressing a range of topics, from boys on the journey to healthy manhood to men overcoming violence; from men and feminism to fathering and mentoring; from men of color to GBTQ men. A new edition was released in October 2017.

1. **What are the concrete steps your Government or your organization has taken, at normative, institutional and programme levels, to engage men and boys in promoting and achieving gender equality and challenge gender stereotypes and the negative social norms, attitudes and behaviours that underlie and perpetuate violence against women and girls? You may wish to refer to various aspects of such effort indicated in the operational paragraphs 9 and 10 of the resolution. Please also elaborate on the impact these steps have had.**

As a magazine which has been chronicling the profeminist men's movement for the past quarter century, *Voice Male* has as its mission both supporting men and challenging men's violence. The magazine's stories over the years highlight successful campaigns that address gender-based violence in North America and, in the last several years, internationally. Writers share first person accounts, and stories of efforts to transform culture; and they review books and films advancing a gender quality agenda. In addition, the editor frequently contributes op-eds and commentaries to newspapers and websites advocating for a radical redefinition of masculinity and manhood. Finally, our efforts include an anthology, *Voice Male: The Untold Story of the Profeminist Men's Movement* which includes a short history of the profeminist men's movement and its expression through a range of articles, essays, reviews and commentaries that have appeared in the magazine.

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1. **What are the challenges that your Government or your organization faces, at normative, institutional programme levels, in engaging men and boys in promoting and achieving gender equality, in particular efforts to challenge gender stereotypes and the negative social norms, attitudes and behaviours that underlie and perpetuate violence against women and girls? Please elaborate on the nature of these challenges and the steps taken to address them.**

Having more institutions engaged in the profeminist men's movement availing themselves of the magazine and book. Working to gain visibility in an environment that is critical or skeptical about a movement of men advancing feminist causes.

1. **Are women and girls, including women’s rights organizations, involved in the efforts by your Government or your organization to engage men and boys in promoting and achieving gender equality, in particular efforts to challenge gender stereotypes and the negative social norms, attitudes and behaviours that underlie and perpetuate violence against women and girls?**

There are experienced women from within the greater gender equality movement who serve on our advisory board and who offer advise and counsel throughout the year as we publish issues. We also publish articles by women working in a variety of gender equality arenas.