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**Input regarding the report to the UN Human Rights Council on the realisation of the right of persons affected by violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, in relation to SDG3**

**From FRI - The Norwegian Organization for Gender and Sexual Diversity**

Att.: Mr. Victor Madrigal-Borloz

FRI - The Norwegian Organization on Gender and Sexual Diversity is grateful for the opportunity to provide input regarding the abovementioned report. We are pleased to see that Mr. Madrigal-Borloz specifically will be focusing on how the human rights of people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities can be incorporated into the national plans aimed at the realisation of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, under the rubric of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). We apologize for our very brief input.

Overall, we cannot see that Norway specifically makes reference to specific health needs of people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities in the relevant [Message to Parliament regarding SDGs](https://www.regjeringen.no/contentassets/bcbcac3469db4bb9913661ee39e58d6d/no/pdfs/stm202020210040000dddpdfs.pdf), other than the number of granted legal gender change applications. This impression may be due to lack of sufficient overview on our behalf, however, this does not seem to be the case from what we’ve seen.

A few of the main issues in Norway at this point are the findings from the report on living conditions in Norway among lgbt people published in 2021. This report shows that both bisexual and trans people are overrepresented when it comes to challenges faced in everyday life. Important findings we want to bring forth is that one third of trans people reported having tried to commit suicide. More than a third of bisexual women and trans people reported having been subjected to sexual assault. In addition, trans people in need of healthcare services still lack sufficient access to this, and is particularly the case for non-binary individuals. There is talk about implementing an optional third legal gender, but as of now it is mere talk.

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We wish you the best of luck on the work with this report, and want to say thank you again for this opportunity.

Regards

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