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Review***

Cameroon

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I. Summary of the proceedings of the review process

A. Presentation by the State under review

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B. Interactive dialogue and responses by the State under review

42. During the interactive dialogue, 76 delegations made statements. Recommendations made during the dialogue may be found in section II of the present report.

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83. Australia commended Cameroon on its new Penal Code and its continuation of the moratorium on death penalty, although remained concerned about the persistence of prosecution and violence against minority groups, such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex individuals.

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108. Ireland was pleased to note the steps taken by Cameroon to combat violence against women and children, but remained concerned about reports of violence and discrimination against members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community and human rights defenders.

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II. Conclusions and/or recommendations

121. The following recommendations will be examined by Cameroon, which will provide responses in due time, but no later than the thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council:

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121.52 Consider repealing provisions that criminalize homosexuality (Italy);

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121.74 Decriminalize homosexuality, punished under article 347 bis of the Penal Code (France);

121.75 Decriminalize same-sex relations by replacing article 347-1 of the Penal Code, and initiate a campaign to raise awareness in the public about homosexuality (Germany);

121.76 Decriminalize consensual same-sex conduct between adults, and take all necessary steps to protect the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community from all forms of discrimination and violence (Ireland);

121.77 Review the Penal Code with a view to decriminalizing homosexuality (Spain);

121.78 Decriminalize consensual sexual relations between persons of the same sex, and combat discrimination and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (Mexico);

121.79 Decriminalize consensual sex between adults of the same sex, and any other discriminatory practice based on sexual orientation or gender identity, protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and guaranteeing their fundamental rights (Uruguay);

121.80 Decriminalize consensual same-sex relations (Australia);

121.81 **Ensure the protection and security of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and of human rights defenders committed to their cause (Switzerland);**

121.82 **Decriminalize consensual same-sex sexual relations and immediately cease targeted discrimination and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (United States of America);**

121.83 **Eliminate discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity and protect the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community from violence and harassment (Netherlands);**

121.84 **Take the necessary measures to protect and prevent discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, as previously recommended (Argentina);**