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5 CAS R4: Trans Rights Here! Trans Rights Now!

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7 Introduction:

8 Every person should have the right to live freely according to their gender identity and gender
9 expression, and the right to self-determination and bodily autonomy. Trans people, people
10 who do not identify with the gender they were assigned at birth, are often denied these rights
11 across Europe and reduced to only being seen as "trans", depriving them of the ability to also
12 have other parts of their identity, including their sexual orientation, independently recognised.
13 In most countries this discrimination occurs at a systemic level, where rigid and static norms
14 about gender, bodies, and sexuality uphold legal and health systems which do not recognise,
15 respect or value trans people. In some countries anti-trans laws and practice are enforced
16 through the rise of anti-gender rhetoric, the silencing of trans people, and viciously polarising
17 debates which have an impact on the mental health, safety and everyday lives of trans people.
18 Often the 'T' in 'LGBT' is overlooked, and the current attack on trans people makes it necessary,
19 now more than ever, to support trans people and fight against anti-trans hostility and violence.
20 It is important to affirm and amplify the voices of trans people - trans women are women, trans
21 men are men, non-binary is valid, and trans rights are human rights!
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23 Body text:

24 According to the latest data from Transgender Europe (TGEU) eight Council of Europe (COE)
25 member states do not have legal gender recognition procedures in place. In Bosnia &
26 Herzegovina, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, Georgia, Kosovo, Latvia, Montenegro, Romania,
27 Serbia, Slovakia, and Turkey forced sterilisation of trans people remains a requirement for
28 legal gender recognition, while 28 COE member states require a mental health diagnosis.
29 Forced sterilisation and mandatory mental health diagnosis violates trans people's dignity and
30 right to self-determination. Only three COE member states base legal gender recognition on
31 self-determination without age limitations.

32 From Poland to the UK, from Hungary to Spain, trans rights are under attack. Trans people are
33 facing increased negative discourse, prejudice, intolerance and violence from conservative
34 right-wing actors and anti-trans women's groups. In these cases, trans women are vilified,
35 trans men are stripped of agency, and non-binary people completely invisibilised. Furthermore,
36 the rhetoric of campaigns by anti-trans women's groups vilifies trans women, strips trans men
37 of agency and invisibilises non-binary people completely. We need joint forces to counter the
38 hostility against trans people. As long as trans rights are played off against women's rights,
39 right wing forces will benefit and use it in their fight against gender equality. Women's rights
40 movements and trans rights movements must unite to overcome patriarchal structures
41 together. Trans children and youth are especially at risk, as their rights to self-determination

42 are consistently denied and overlooked. Often trans people are not consulted on their own
43 experiences, and their stories are drowned out by anti-trans rhetoric, lies and misinformation.

44 Since 2019, 100 municipalities in Poland have been declared "LGBT-free" and in August 2020
45 LGBTQI activists were arrested for peacefully protesting in Warsaw. In May 2020, the
46 Hungarian government made legal gender recognition impossible in practice when they
47 replaced 'sex' with 'sex assigned at birth' on civil registry documents. In September 2020, the
48 UK government discarded plans to ensure self-determination as central to legal gender
49 recognition, sticking to a process that is largely inaccessible and leaves many trans people,
50 especially children, behind. Despite legal gender recognition based on self determination
51 being available in various autonomous communities of Spain, discussion on a national law
52 this year has been sidelined by anti-trans discourse and false claims that a focus on trans
53 issues erases (cis)women.

54 **Therefore, the European Green Party demands European states to:**

55 • ensure the inclusion of trans people in consultation processes and discussions of laws
56 and policies which directly impact them, including ~~by making sure their striving towards a~~
57 proper representation of trans voices ~~are properly represented~~ in the media;

58 • implement legal gender recognition procedures that are quick, transparent, accessible,
59 affordable and based solely on the self-determination of the person, without age
60 restrictions;

61 • depathologise trans identity and ban ~~the practices and promotion of so-called~~
62 "conversion therapy";

63 • ban forced sterilisation of trans people and all other involuntary medical engagement;
64 • guarantee access to trans-specific healthcare which is based on human rights, bodily
65 autonomy and informed consent;

66 • ~~provide training programs for all medical staff and caregivers on trans and intersex~~
67 issues, to ensure a non-discriminating and sensitised access to the health care
68 system;

69 • protect trans people against discrimination in employment, education, parenthood,
70 healthcare, sexual and reproductive health and rights, access to goods and services,
71 and access to housing;

72 • take measures to ensure safe school environments for trans students, teachers and
73 parents, including the implementation of national trans-inclusive curricula, anti-
74 discrimination measures, teacher trainings and anti-bullying strategies;

75 • ensure that universities and other educational institutions provide non-discriminatory
76 education and information which are based on human rights, self-determination, bodily
77 autonomy and informed consent, particularly in the fields of medicine, healthcare,
78 social work, pedagogy, psychology and therapy;

79 • ~~ensure non-discriminatory access to social services which are based on human~~
80 rights and self-determination, including emergency shelters, women's refuges and
81 violence protection services;

82 • offer support to trans refugees, including access to healthcare and legal gender
83 recognition;

84 • provide safe housing to trans asylum seekers, train asylum officers on trans issues
85 and improve asylum procedures and base them on self-identification;

86 • offer support to trans sex workers, including non-discriminatory access to healthcare,
87 counselling, and legal gender recognition;

88 • train their law enforcement authorities and their justice personnel to respect gender
89 identities and guarantee that trans people who receive prison sentences can serve

- 90 their sentence in the division for the gender with which they identify and receive the
91 medical treatment they need;
92 • ratify, together with the European Union itself, the Istanbul Convention and ensure its
93 implementation is inclusive of trans people;
94 • ensure that equal treatment bodies include anti-discrimination on the basis of gender
95 identity, gender expression and sex characteristics in their work and gurantee
96 financial resources for the new tasks;
97 • guarantee funding of national and transnational research on trans issues;
98 • guarantee funding of peer counselling and strengethening its status in healthcare;
99 • allow trans people, including trans children and youth, to be accompanied safely as
100 they explore their gender identity and expression, and for them to access services as
101 and when they decide.

102 **The European Green Party demands the European Union to:**

- 103 • ensure that all EU member states protect against discrimination on the ground of
104 gender identity in employment and in access to goods and services;
105 • ensure that all EU member states provide protection and asylum to trans refugees;
106 • introduce protections against discrimination on the ground of gender identity in
107 education, healthcare and in access to housing;
108 • guarantee funding for organisations working on trans rights at all levels of society,
109 including core funding which guarantees safe working conditions, and funding which
110 allows for intersectional approaches and joint work by various organisations;
111 • treat all attacks on the rights of trans people as breaches of fundamental rights and
112 values of the Union, and use all legal ways at its disposal to protect them.

113 **The European Green Party commits to:**

- 114 • strengthen our connections with actors working for trans rights and intersectional,
115 trans-inclusive feminism in Europe, and support them;
116 • support the participation of trans people in politics and amplify the voices of trans
117 people in debates;
118 • campaign for legal gender recognition based on self-determination, trans healthcare
119 based on informed consent, and the protections of trans people against
120 discrimination;
121 • question gender norms, stereotypes, and the ways these influence systems and
122 structures at all levels of society.

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