Thank you Chairman, we are grateful for the presentation of Mr. Borloz’ report and reiterate the support of El Salvador for his mandate that was established by resolution 32/2 of the Human Rights Council.

El Salvador reiterates its promise to work toward the strengthening, protection, and guarantee of the human rights of all, without discrimination of anyone on part of the politics of the State and under the premise that to be a human being is the center and necessary in the construction of sustainable development.

As of May 2010, the central government of El Salvador made a significant change in the recognition of the rights of LGBTI persons with the creation of Executive Decree 56 that prohibits any form of discrimination in public administration, for reasons of gender identity and sexual orientation and the creation of a Directorate of Sexual Diversity within the Secretariat of Social Inclusion.

Stereotypes often result in violence and inhumane treatment. Discrimination and stigma cause restrictions on housing and other basic social services. In this sense, LGBTI people become victims of self-reinforcing tendencies of violence and socioeconomic exclusion. Therefore, we believe that if we want to reduce inequality and achieve peaceful societies, LGBTI people should receive the same support and opportunities as others, without discrimination and without violence of any kind, with full respect for their human dignity.

We know that we have many challenges ahead, but we are committed to moving forward to achieve the full respect and guarantee of the Human Rights of LGBTI people. And in that context, we reiterate our firm support for the mandate of the Independent Expert.