Mexico welcomes the Independent Expert on the protection against violence and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity and thanks the presentation of his first report to the General Assembly, recognizing the constructive, balanced and objective nature of it.

The Government of Mexico has the conviction to ensure that in our country all people, regardless of their condition, sexual orientation, identity or expression of gender and sexual characteristics, have the opportunity to have their rights fully upheld.

In this regard, we thank the Independent Expert for the presentation of his report, which addresses fundamental issues by identifying: the underlying causes of violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the intention to punish victims due to prejudices which echoes in some norms, and that which is amplified by messages that reinforce the stigmatization.

Mexico reaffirms its conviction that hate speech, violence and discrimination are unacceptable in any form and before any objective.

In his report, the Independent Expert emphasizes that there is a well-established framework in international human rights law that prescribes respect for gender identity.

In this regard, the Mexican State would like to know the experience of the Independent Expert in terms of the scope of international cooperation in the depathologization of gender identities -such as the category of trans-, as well as the role played by the UN in this topic, and its proposals to increase such cooperation and make it more effective.