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### **Submission from the Aotearoa New Zealand's Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex (SOGII) UPR Coalition 2013**

This submission was developed following an April 2013 video-conference in three cities in New Zealand (Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington) that focused on sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex / body diversity (SOGII) human rights issues.

Our communities are diverse. Some common identities in New Zealand include trans, transgender, transsexual, genderqueer, whakawahine, tangata ira tane, fa'afafine, fakaleiti, vakasalewalewa, mahu, palopa, and many sexualities. In Aotearoa / NZ an indigenous term for all our identities is takataapui. We do not claim to represent all of these voices, or all of the diverse voices in Aotearoa. Our intention is to provide a snap-shot of the real and enduring issues which arose at the April meeting and which were explored further by a *Facebook* page devoted to this UPR submission. We believe that this is the first time a coalition of individuals and groups has come together, on these issues, to write a submission to any United Nations reporting mechanism. We have used the term SOGII throughout the submission to capture, but not reduce, our complex diversity.

There are no New Zealand organisations from our communities that have ECOSOC status. The signatories below include key, long-established national and regional organisations working on human rights issues for intersex people (Intersex Trust Aotearoa- <http://www.ianz.org.nz> ), trans and gender diverse people (GenderBridge – [www.genderbridge.org](http://www.genderbridge.org) and Agender Christchurch - <http://chch.agender.org.nz/> ), youth (Rainbow Youth - <http://www.rainbowyouth.org.nz/> and Queer Straight Alliance Network Aotearoa - <http://www.qsanetwork.org.nz> ) as well as those focused on our communities' right to health (the NZ AIDS Foundation - <http://www.nzaf.org.nz/> and Women's Health Action - <http://www.womens-health.org.nz/> ) and right to work (Out@Work - <http://union.org.nz/outatwork>).

The submission contains four annexes:

Annex 1: The 3 page summary of this submission

Annex 2: Full list of our recommendations.

Annex 3: Definition of Terms

Annex 4 Standards for a Depathologised Approach to Trans Health Services

#### ***Signatories:***

- **Rainbow Youth Aotearoa**
- **Intersex Trust Aotearoa**
- **Queer Straight Alliance Network Aotearoa**
- **Women's Health Action Trust**
- **GenderBridge**
- **Agender Christchurch**
- **Nautilus Creative Trust**
- **New Zealand AIDS Foundation**
- **New Zealand Council of Trade Unions' Out@Work Council**
- **Legalise Love Aotearoa**
- **TransAdvocates**

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