



**LESBIAN BILL OF RIGHTS
INTERNATIONAL**

To UN Free & Equal (@free_equal, email: ohchr-unfe@un.org):

Lesbian Bill Of Rights International is an international network of radical feminist, lesbian organizations that have all adopted the [Lesbian Bill Of Rights](#) (the LBOR). We are responding to your post on October 8, International Lesbian Day to point out a flaw in it.

Your post reads, in part: “Lesbians have many gender expressions, body types, and sex characteristics.”

But not all of that is true. Some of us do not perform gender at all. And we only have female sex characteristics because all lesbians are female — a term that describes reproductive biology.

Our opposition is based on the LBOR, which provides, in pertinent parts:

‘Lesbian’ means a human female homosexual; or, a woman or girl who is exclusively same-sex attracted;

Your statement suggests that men can be lesbians. They can’t. All lesbians are women or girls. Lesbians can be masculine-presenting or feminine-presenting, or not have a “gender identity” at all. But no lesbian is male. Lesbian is a female sexual orientation that excludes all men, however they may “identify”; lesbian is not a “gender identity.”

For you, an agency of the United Nations, to erase lesbians on International Lesbian Day makes your campaign unfit for purpose.

We therefore request that you correct your falsehoods.

Lesbian Bill Of Rights International

WDI USA Lesbian Caucus

LAZ reloaded (Germany)

Lesbian Resistance New Zealand

Lesbian Action Group (Australia)

Lezbicon (Norway)

ArciLesbica (Italy)