



The All Party Parliamentary Group on

**Global LGBT Rights**

## **Invitation to submit written evidence on:**

### **The UK's stance on international breaches of LGBT rights**

**(Deadline for responses Friday 18 September 2015)**

#### **About the report and call for written evidence**

The APPG on Global LGBT Rights (APPG LGBT) was established in June 2015 by a cross-party group of Members of Parliament and Members of the House of Lords. The group aims to support and enhance LGBT rights around the world and to ensure that the UK, other governments and civil society collectively adopt the most effective policies to champion and protect such rights.

When the rights, and indeed lives, of LGBT people are under threat, the international community has a moral and legal responsibility to act. However, there are many competing and sometimes conflicting views as to what action should be taken.

As its first major initiative, therefore, the APPG LGBT will work to build an understanding of the most effective responses to breaches of LGBT rights through an APPG Inquiry entitled: "the UK's stance on international breaches of LGBT rights."

The APPG LGBT seeks written evidence from any interested party on this subject. This initial evidence will inform oral evidence sessions and provide a foundation for the group's first report, which will in turn inform future work.

#### **The APPG seeks responses on the following themes:**

- The nature of recent UK responses to breaches of international LGBT rights and the impact and efficacy of such responses;
- The scale and nature of breaches of LGBT rights and examples from around the world of successful interventions in response to breaches of LGBT rights;
- The broader role of the UK government in response to international LGBT issues;
- The role that civil society, including the private sector and NGOs, can play in enhancing, supporting, or protecting LGBT rights;
- The role that UK parliamentarians can play in championing LGBT rights worldwide and responding when such rights are threatened; and
- The role of the international community in reversing the criminalisation of homosexuality.

## **Guidance to responding to the call for evidence**

To assist the inquiry the APPG would be grateful if respondees would follow its guidelines for submitting evidence. Submissions should:

- be in Word format (not in PDFs);
- clearly state who the submission is from, ie. whether sent in a personal capacity or on behalf of an organisation;
- comprise a single document attached to the e-mail;
- begin with a short executive summary in bullet point form;
- be well-evidenced with appropriate references to other academic material;
- have numbered paragraphs, and
- be no more than 3,000 words.

**Written evidence may be referenced in the final report. If you wish your evidence to be treated as anonymous please make this clear.**

Submissions should be e-mailed to Will Timmins at: [william.timmins@parliament.uk](mailto:william.timmins@parliament.uk).

**The deadline for submissions is 17.00pm on Friday 18 September 2015.**

For further information please contact Will Timmins on 020 7219 4445 or at: [william.timmins@parliament.uk](mailto:william.timmins@parliament.uk).