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Switzerland (during general debate):

“Switzerland is concerned by the cases of serious discrimination, violence, arbitrary detention, torture and even death, directed against people because of their sexual orientation or their gender identity. ...

We would also like to draw the attention of the Council to the Yogyakarta Principles, adopted last November in Indonesia. These are a set of principles on the application of international human rights law in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity. These Principles focus on legally-binding international standards that all States must respect. We invite the High Commissioner for Human Rights, this Council, the Special Procedures and the treaty bodies to apply these Principles in their future work.

We ask the Council to grant all necessary attention to human rights violations based on sexual orientation and gender identity and we support holding a discussion on this issue in the near future.”