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Adoption of General Recommendations including sexual orientation and gender identity

Conservative forces at the United Nations have tried to argue against the application of the CEDAW Convention and the Committee's General Recommendations to discrimination related to sexual orientation and gender identity. To create a consistent approach to violations affecting non-conforming women, many LBT rights advocates supported and lobbied for the adoption of a General Recommendation on discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

In October 2010, the Committee adopted General Recommendation No. 27 on older women and protection of their human rights and General Recommendation No. 28 on the Core Obligations of States Parties under Article 2 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women---both of which make explicit that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is inextricably linked with discrimination against women on the basis of sex or gender and that it must be prohibited and addressed under States' CEDAW obligations.

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