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Statement of the BVT\* regarding the ICD-11 Beta Draft (Mortality and Morbidity Statistics)<sup>1</sup> by the World Health Organization (WHO)<sup>2</sup>

- 1. We explicitly welcome that diagnoses that form the base of gender confirming medical treatments are removed from the chapter of "mental and behavioral disorders", formerly ICD10 chapter F.
- 2. In accordance with the call on all European nations by the European Parliament in its report on the "Situation of fundamental rights in the EU (2013-2014)" (P8\_TA(2015)0286) item 91 we call on all participating organizations and institutions to make sure that the still persisting psycho pathologization of trans\* people by the ICD10 is immediately ended and that any further or new psycho pathologization of trans\* people will be prohibited.
- 3. We welcome that the obsolete diagnosis "F65.1 Fetishistic transvestitism" as well as the whole block "F66 Other sexual disorders" are removed. These diagnoses had no medical use but endangered people by a useless stigmatization.

1 http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd11/browse/l-m/en (last visited 12. of June 2017)

2 http://www.who.int/en/

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- 4. We positively acknowledge the aim to find a non psycho pathologizing and less normatively valuing term, i.e. "gender incongruence".But we ask for a further dialogue and process to refine the wording since "incongruence" in itself is too vague.
- 5. We appreciate that the proposed diagnosis only applies to trans\* people who seek medical gender confirming help. This protects people that do not seek such help from a needless and useless medicalization and eventually stigmatization.
- 6. We demand the complete removal of the explicit diagnosis for children before the onset of puberty. Before the onset of puberty no gender confirming medical interventions are necessary so that a diagnosis will be of no help for these people and has no medical use. In contrast this diagnosis endangers children by an unnecessary stigmatization and medicalization without need or use. We demand by the WHO and all participating institutions to remove this diagnosis.
- 7. We demand that the WHO and all participating institutions actively seek a dialogue with trans\* people and their organizations for the further development of trans\* related health care.

