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Panel Discussion:

**Self-determination: A discussion on further acceptance of gender self-determination in Germany and the Netherlands**

16th March 2023, 18.00h

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Berlin

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Berlin, in cooperation with the Lesbian and Gay Association in Germany (LSVD) and Bundesverband Trans\* (BVT\*), would like to invite you for a panel discussion about gender self-determination. Politicians and representatives from NGOs from Germany and the Netherlands reflect on the current situation and public debate in their respective countries in the run-up to parliamentary discussions about legislative changes.

The German government parties have agreed to abolish the current 'Transsexual Act' and adopt a new law for self-determination. This legislation is intended to allow people to change their first name and gender marker through a simple application - without expert opinions or court proceedings. The draft of the legislation is expected soon. A similar discussion is taking place in the Netherlands. Last autumn, a bill to simplify the process for self-determination was discussed in parliament. This has sparked a political and public debate that will continue in the Dutch parliament in April 2023.

In both countries, the legal recognition of trans\*, intersex and non-binary people is the subject of intense political and social debate. The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Berlin, in cooperation with the LSVD and BVT\*, is therefore offering a podium for a discussion on the situation and experiences from the Netherlands and Germany: What can interest groups and politicians from both countries learn from each other? What needs do trans\*, intersex and non-binary people have, and how can the tough public discussion be dealt with?

When: **Thursday 16 March 2023**

Time: **18.00 -19.45 Panel discussion and debate** / 17.30 Doors open

Where: **Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Klosterstraße 50 Berlin**

Language: **English**

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Speakers:

- Kalle Hümpfner (Policy officer at Bundesverband Trans\*)
- Sophie Schers (Policy officer at Transgender Netwerk Nederland, TNN)
- Tessa Ganserer (Member of German Parliament for Bündnis 90 / Die Grünen)
- Lisa van Ginneken (Member of Dutch Parliament for D66)

Moderation: Alva Träbert (Board member of Lesbian and Gay Association in Germany, LSVD)

Opening remarks by Mira Woldberg, Deputy Ambassador of the Netherlands to Germany