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Dear Minister.

First of all, congratulations on your election and appointment as Minister for Gender Equality. We look forward to working together.

The Minister for Gender Equality, like a number of public authorities and institutions, uses the term LGBT+. Can the Minister explain what specific definition the state uses for the '+' in this term?

If the plus sign is intended as an open category for identities beyond those explicitly mentioned, what principled, ethical and legal criteria determine which identities are included and which are not?

On what normative basis is this demarcation made? Is it the individual's self-identification, minority status, human rights considerations, consent principles, risk of harm or other criteria?

Since '+' by its nature appears to be an open and non-exhaustive category, we would like the Minister to explain how the state sets clear limits for what can be included in the term. How is it ensured that the category is not gradually expanded without clear, publicly available criteria?

For example, how does the state justify that certain identities or sexualities are considered to be covered by '+', while others are not? What objective criteria are used to exclude sexualities or identities that are illegal, involve persons without consent capacity or otherwise violate fundamental legal principles?

Does the Minister find it appropriate that the state uses a designation with an open category, without at the same time publishing the ethical, legal and professional principles that determine the boundaries of the category.

Best regards on behalf of

Danish Rainbow Council, part of LGB International.

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