

Position Paper

Portfolio: Luxembourg

Committee: UNHRC

Agenda: Deliberation on right of LGBTQ+ community with special emphasis on homophobic beliefs

School: Bal Bhavan Public School

The government of Luxembourg believes that we don't need to be a LGBTQ+ supporter, we just need to be a human. Seeking to the problems faced by the LGBTQ people government of LUXEMBOURG has worked accordingly.

Luxembourg's Criminal Code provides for sanctions for inciting discrimination, hate

or violence against a natural or legal person, or a group or community of persons, on the basis of their sexual orientation. The Criminal Code neither specifically includes nor excludes homophobic hate crimes, thus the issue would be left to the court's interpretation. Article 25 of the Luxembourg Constitution guarantees the right to peaceful, unarmed assembly that respects the laws governing the exercise of that right, without being subject to prior authorisation. However, that constitutional provision does not apply to outdoor, political, religious or other gatherings. Those gatherings remain entirely subject to the laws and regulations of the police. OUR COUNTRY'S GAY PRIME MINSITER Xavier Bettel has

said everyone has a duty to challenge hate speech in an impassioned plea to the United Nations. Elsewhere in his speech, Bettel said: “Being gay is not a choice but not accepting it is a choice. Homophobia is a choice and we have to fight against it.