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Minister for Gender Equality welcomes OECD report on LGBTI inclusion

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The OECD has released a report on how LGBTI people are included in the legislative frameworks in its member countries. The release coincides with Global Pride 2020, the worldwide digital festival taking place on 27 June. Minister for Gender Equality Åsa Lindhagen welcomes the OECD expanding its work to include LGBTI rights.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has released its first ever report on LGBTI rights. Sweden is among the group of countries that initiated this report.

The OECD concludes that discrimination against LGBTI people harms not only LGBTI individuals but also the wider society, for example through poorer returns on educational investment resulting from discrimination in the labour market. Poor mental and physical health among LGBTI people is a personal tragedy for those affected, but it also has a negative impact on productivity, resulting in economic loss.

“The full enjoyment of human rights by LGBTI people is essential for both the individual and society. I am therefore very pleased that the OECD, as a significant actor in countries’ economic development, is highlighting this issue. The report shows that Sweden has taken many important steps but that we still have many challenges to deal with,” says Åsa Lindhagen.

The report provides an inventory of the extent to which 34 OECD countries ensure equal treatment of LGBTI people. It compares the situation in 2019 with that in 1999 in all member countries. The OECD concludes that all member countries have been making progress over the last two decades but that they have a long way to go before the rights of LGBTI people are ensured.

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