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Chair
Amnesty International UK Section Board

Mr Sandy Ruthven MBE
Chair
Amnesty International UK Charitable Trust

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By email from transgendertrend@protonmail.com

Dear Ms Horton and Mr Ruthven

We note that you have included our organisation as an 'anti-rights group' on page 20 of your report *A growing threat: the anti-rights movement in the UK.*

You characterise us as a 'gender critical' group when this is not a term we use. We are a child safeguarding organisation that campaigns for normal evidence-based standards of healthcare for children who are distressed or confused about their sex, and for science-based teaching in schools. Our organsiation was established in 2015 to advance these aims.

Our founder Stephanie Davies-Arai's work was acknowledged in 2018 when she was shortlisted for the John Maddox prize, an award which "recognises the work of individuals who promote sound science and evidence on a matter of public interest, facing difficulty or hostility in doing so."

In 2020, Transgender Trend's standing in the field of child protection was recognised when we were given permission to intervene for the claimants in the landmark legal case of Bell v Tavistock. Trans advocacy groups Stonewall and Mermaids also applied to intervene but were refused by the court. This judicial review exposed the failings at the Trust's Gender Identity Development Service and led to an independent review and subsequest closing of the service.

The Cass Review was a vindication of our work to establish that children with gender-related distress deserve the same level of evidence-based healthcare as any other child accessing paediatric services.

Stephanie Davies-Arai was subsequently awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours list 2022 as founder of Transgender Trend for services to children.

During the ten years of our operation we have faced many false allegations, threats and attempts to silence us and discredit our work. We have struggled to obtain funding and rely on donations from individuals who

support our work. Despite these odds, we have established a strong reputation as a fact-based, trustworthy and reliable organisation that cares passionately about the safeguarding of children.

Amnesty's report does not only cause reputational damage to us and other groups through its unsubstantiated allegations. We also face real threats to our safety. Positioning us within a mythical anti-rights network, with implications of influence, association and funding from the US far right, echoes the wild, baseless accusations we face from those who wish us harm and plays directly into their hands.

The militant trans activist group Bash Back has issued threats, calling on their supporters to cause "direct harm" to groups like ours to "hit them repeatedly until they desist from their activities." We take these threats very seriously.

Bash Back vandalised the offices of the former Health Secretary, Wes Streeting, last year. A venue hosting a women's right conference where Stephanie was one of the speakers had its windows smashed and daubed in red paint. By calling our organisation 'anti-rights' you are stoking this febrile atmosphere.

You are also interfering with a live political issue in the UK, namely the draft Conversion Practices Bill currently moving through Parliament. Your inference or direct accusation that all groups on your list who advocate for proper standards of care for vulnerable children are 'anti-rights' groups that promote conversion therapy sends a strong negative signal to politicians, undermining British democracy.

Your report defines an anti-rights group as follows:

> "Anti-rights groups seek to weaken existing human rights protections and prevent further progress."

Please provide us with your evidence, specifically referencing our work, that we are an 'anti-rights group' that meets this definition. In absence of such evidence please issue a public correction and apology sent to all your supporters and funders who will have seen your report.

We look forward to your early response and reserve the right to take further action.

Yours sincerely

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