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Comment from the floor

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My name is Rose Heffernan, speaking on behalf of LGBTI Stakeholder Group, Holding the Line and ECE-RCEM.

1. A glaring omission in what people have said today is the LGBTI community.
2. We have spoke about HIV but not mentioned LGBTI communities and the issues they face with lack of access to healthcare, for example our Turkmenistan civil society colleagues have to fill in the gaps that the government does not tackle.
3. We have spoken about youth mental health but need to consider that transgender teenagers are among the highest risk for suicide, exacerbated by lack of access to SRHR.
4. We have spoken a lot about aging but the LGBTI community often do not get to grow old; because of mental health issues, lack of SRHR, higher risk of suicide and homelessness.