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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell i Fontelles  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The EU remains concerned about the violence, discrimination and hatred based on sexual orientation and gender identity in Uganda.

The EU, through the activities of the EU Delegation in Kampala remains strongly engaged on issues concerning democracy, human rights, including on the rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Intersex (LGBTI+) persons. This includes using diplomatic channels to oppose repressive legislation, regularly raising with the government the need for the rights of LGBTI+ persons to be respected and protected, and ensuring, when necessary, emergency support for LGBTI+ persons and organisations in Uganda.

The EU Delegation has participated in events with the LGBTI+ community, posted messages of support on social media<sup>12</sup> and displayed the rainbow flag. All of these efforts have been supported by EU Special Representative for Human Rights, Eamon Gilmore, who during his visit to Uganda in April 2022 raised the urgency to protect and promote the rights of LGBTI+ persons in the country.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://twitter.com/EUinUG/status/1526457522613264385>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/eudeluganda>