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YREN ROTELA AND MARIANA SEPÚLVEDA

 **PARAGUAY**

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 **CHALLENGE
INJUSTICE.**

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Yren (she/her) and Mariana (she/her) want to live their lives freely and do things they love, like playing volleyball, dancing and going to the theatre. However, as trans women, Yren and Mariana are busy defending themselves against discrimination. They've been bullied, physically attacked and prevented from speaking out about the issues they face in their daily lives.

Trans people in Paraguay cannot legally change their names or obtain identity documents that match their gender identity, among other discriminatory practices. This means trans students cannot get school certificates in their chosen names, which makes finding a job difficult. This inequality has motivated Yren and Mariana to become activists, to demand change.

But protesting isn't easy for trans people in Paraguay. Paraguay is a very conservative country which treats trans people and the wider LGBTI community unfairly. It tries to make them invisible. Because of this, protests by trans groups are often banned, and in some cases demonstrations have been attacked.

Yren and Mariana have been fighting for years to change their legal names. If they could get documentation that matches who they are, it would mean the state had started to recognize their existence as trans women. As Yren says: "I came into the world to show who I am, not to be told who I am."

Tell Paraguay to legally recognize the identity of trans people so they can exercise their rights

ACT NOW

Tell the Paraguayan authorities to legally recognize the identities of transgender people so that they can exercise their right to freedom of expression, association and protest under their self-perceived identities.

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails, or write a letter with the salutation "Dear Mr President,".

SHOW YREN AND MARIANA YOU'RE WITH THEM

Print off the solidarity letter template and send your messages of friendship and hope to Yren and Mariana to continue in their fight.

Post your petitions, letters and solidarity letters to:

Amnesty International Australia,
Locked Bag 23,
Broadway NSW 2007
Australia

Make sure you post them to us by 31 January 2023.

We'll post them to the target, include them in the handover in February 2023 and make sure that Yren and Mariana get your solidarity messages.

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