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Chair, Amnesty International UK

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by email only

Dear Madam and Sir

We are one of the many “gender critical” groups listed as “anti-rights” organisations in your (now withdrawn) 12 July report “A growing threat: the anti-rights movement in the UK.” We are a couple of dozen lawyers with an X account and a blog. You are a global organisation which used to have, and probably retains in many quarters, an enviable reputation as a source of accurate information and analysis of the human rights environment worldwide.

The members of Legal Feminist share the belief that women are human, and that women’s rights are human rights. We support the rights of women to privacy, dignity, autonomy, and fair competition: in rape crisis services, intimate medical or personal care, as in prisons, and in sport as well as in everyday single-sex spaces; and to speak plainly about these issues. These claims are variously founded in part on articles 3 (the right not to suffer inhuman or degrading treatment), 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

It is surprising that a human rights organisation would seek to characterise feminism that centres women as anti-feminist.

Please explain on the basis of what evidence you have concluded that we are “anti-rights”, and why you have chosen to publish this statement about us. Please also confirm in the case of your charitable arm that you have self-reported to the Charity Commission. You will be aware of the Commission’s 5 July 2023 statement that “Demonising and undermining those who think differently is not acceptable behaviour from any charity on our register”.

Please respond by 12 noon on Friday 31 August. We will publish your response.

Yours faithfully

Legal Feminist