First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

2003-2004: Brazilian resolution on sexual orientation & human rights, Commission on Human Rights, withdrawn

2005: Joint statement on sexual orientation and human rights, Commission on Human Rights, delivered by New Zealand on behalf of 32 States

2006: Joint statement on sexual orientation, gender identity and human rights, Human Rights Council, delivered by Norway on behalf of 54 States

2008: Joint statement on sexual orientation, gender identity and human rights, UN General Assembly, delivered by Argentina on behalf of 66 States (+1)


March 2011: Joint statement on sexual orientation, gender identity and human rights, Human Rights Council, delivered by Colombia on behalf of 85 States


Dec 2011: First UN report on Discriminatory laws and practices and acts of violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity

Mar 2012: First UN panel discussion on ending human rights violations based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

“Human Rights Day commemorates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is not called the ‘Partial’ Declaration of Human Rights. It is not the ‘Sometimes’ Declaration of Human Rights. It is the Universal Declaration, guaranteeing all human beings their basic human rights, without exception.

When our fellow humans are persecuted because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, we must speak out.

Human rights are human rights everywhere, for everyone.”