



Dear Ms. Fisher,

July 15, 1994

Thank you very much for your letter dated 19 March 1994 and your interest in our programme. I apologize for the belated reply due to exigencies of work.

We share your view that, though small in number, the problems in day to day life of imprisoned transsexuals might be significant both in terms of in-house treatment and prevention of possible HIV infection.

Please find attached a copy of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners. These standards, particularly its rules 8, 27, 35f., 37f., 46 (2), 53 (1), 79 may reflect some issues which may be of relevance also for transsexuals.

You may wish to contact the Centre for Human Rights, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, in order to explore possibilities of establishing awareness campaigns on the problems of transsexuals in public life, particularly with regard to their situation in prisons.

Non-Governmental Organizations in consultative status with the United Nations have the opportunity to participate at and assist in meetings of the crime prevention and criminal justice programme. In this context, you may wish to contact the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Gary Hill, Director, Information Center, P.O Box 81826, Lincoln, Nebraska 68501-1826, USA, Tel.: 402-464-0602; fax.: 402 464 5931.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph Krech".

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