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As an Afro-descendent, bisexual, and activist Brazilian woman, I would like to talk about young women from sexual and gender minorities and their search for peace. In Brazil, the LGBT population, mostly Afro-descendants, due to the intersectionality between race, sexual orientation, and gender identity, has its rights threatened and/or violated. In Brazil, vulnerability mainly affects Afro-descendant transgender women. Our country is the place where transgender people are most murdered because of transphobia. The latest survey by the gay group of Bahia presents the frightening life expectancy of Brazilian LGBT people, 27 years for transgender people, 20 years for lesbians and 42 years old for bisexuals, all far below that for the average Brazilian which is 75 years. So, I would like to ask the panellists, how can we change the situation in Brazil and promote peace for the LGBT population, especially for those who are Afro-descendants? Thank you.