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To the ILGA Coe-CSCE working party

Dear friends

At the European regional conference in Copenhagen the tasks and the participation in the working party was expanded.

The working party now consists of the following groups:

RFSL, Sweden
DNF-48, Norge
LBL, Denmark
Stonewall, UK
COC, The Netherlands
Homostudies, The Nederlands
HOSI-Wien, Austria
SETA, Finland
Ornicar, France

The tasks are:

- 1) Lobbying in relation to the proposed protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights and NGO status for ILGA with The Council of Europe (Peter Ashmann, Hasse Ytterberg, Steffen Jensen, Hans Vonk, Kees Waldijk, Thierry Meyssan, Hans Hjerpekjøn).
- 2) Influencing the CoE so that the council will also consider lesbian and gay rights when assessing whether contries in central and eastern Europe can join the CoE. (DNF-48, contactperson: Tor Johnsen)
- 3) Influencing the CoE in respect to the drafting of model aids legislation. (COC, contactperson: Aaef Tiems)
- 4) Trying to get lesbian and gay rights recognised as part of the CSCE process (The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe). (SETA, contactperson: Jukka Lehtonen, COC (if they agree), contactperson: Aaef Tiems and HOSI-Wien (on a trial basis), contactperson: John Clark).
- The work of the working party will be coordinated by LBL, with me as the contact person. Therefor all letters send on behalf of the workingparty should also be sent to me and to the action secretariat. I will then keep all members of the workingparty informed.

Steps to be taken in the near future:

1) As soon as we get labels from Stockholm an action paper will be send to all ILGA membergroups in the CoE-contries urging them to take contact with their parliamentarians in the assembly, especially those who are members of the Social Committee and the Legat Committee.

This paper will include list of names of committee-members, the motion for recommandation, information about the further procedure and a recommendation from the International Humanist ans Ethical Union.

LBL will send out this material.

Furthermore there is a need for contact one of the 10 parliamentarians who has put forward the motion to urge him or her to contact Md. Lumiere about the NGO-status of ILGA. The motion contains as you know a paragraph recommending the committee of ministers to grant NGO status to ILGA, but an initiative from one of the 10 parliamentarians could change the negative respond we already have got before to our application for NGO-status.

Who will do that?

- 2) I suggest that DNF-48 consider how they will take up the task and send a paper about it to the working party for comments.

 DNF-48 to take initiative.
- 3) I suggest that COC finds out the present status of the CoE-work as far as model aids legislation is concerned and orientates the working party about it.

COC to take initiative.

4) I suggest the three groups finds out how they will fulfill their task and produce a policypaper to the working party for comments.

SETA, HOSI-Wien and COC to take initiative.

Kærlig hilsen

Steffen Jensen