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To

ILGA members  
in member states of the  
Council of Europe

Dear friends

As you might know a motion for a recommendation on the elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation has been put to the Parliamentarian Assembly of the Council of Europe.

./.. The motion is enclosed.

The motion has been proposed by:

Inger Harms: Danish MP, socialist, chairman of the United Left Parties

Inger Lise Gjørsv: Norwegian, socialist, chairman of the Norwegian  
delegation

Miguelge Martinez: Spanish, socialist, vicepresident of the Assembly  
and maybe the next president

Peter Sager: Swiss, liberal chairman of the Swiss delegation

Carl Ahrens: German, socialist, chairman of the socialist group

Verbeek: Dutch, liberal, chairman of the Dutch delegation

Bassinet: French, socialist, vicechairman of the French delegation

Noerens: Belgian, liberal, chairman of the Belgian delegation

Tummers: Dutch, socialist, chairman of the Cultural Committee

Elmquist: Danish, liberal, chairman of the liberal group.

Since the proposal was put forward the two Danish members have left the CoE, but the new representative Ole Espersen (doctor and professor of law and former minister of justice) has promised to support the motion.

./.. The further proces is described in the enclosed paper on the procedure on adopting the protocol...

The ILGA working party on this issue urges YOU to take contact to YOUR members of the parliamentarian Assembly - especially the members of the two committees mentioned in the procedure paper item 2) NOW! A list of the members of the two committees is enclosed.

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For your information we enclose further:

- ./. A list of the European countries and an indication of membership of the CoE, the EC and the CSCE-proces (Helsinki-proces) in Danish - but you will be able to read it!
- ./. A resolution adopted by the 67th meeting of Non-Governmental Organizations holding consultative status with the Council of Europe in Strassbourg October the 2nd 1990.

For those of you who wants more information we can send you (on request):

The report on the ILGA study-conference in Copenhagen May 1990 on the possibilities of expanding the European Convention on Human Rights to eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation and

Memorandum on Recent Developments in Law Affecting the Human Rights of Homosexual Women and Men by the International Humanist and Ethical Union, September 1989.

The ILGA working party would be happy to have a report back on your lobby-efforts in this issue - please send a short note to me.

Yours sincerely

  
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The procedure for adopting the protocol to the  
European Convention on the Protection of Human Rights  
and Fundamental Freedoms

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- 1) The motion for a resolution has been put forward.
- 2) The motion will be considered in two committees of the Parliamentary Assembly: The Social, Health and Family Committee and The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights. The committees will make a recommendation to the Parliamentary Assembly.
- 3) The Assembly will (hopefully) pass the resolution.
- 4) At least one government shall take up the resolution and ask the Steering Committee on Human Rights to consider the resolution and (hopefully) produce a draft protocol.
- 5) The protocol shall be passed by at least 2/3 of the governments of the Council of Europe.
- 6) The protocol is then put forward for ratification in the member countries.
- 7) When ratified by 5 member countries the protocol comes into force (in these countries) and is still open for ratification of other members.

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Lobby targets during the process:

- 1) has happened
- 2) Members of the two parliamentary committees (see enclosed list)
- 3) Members of the Parliamentary Assembly
- 4) Governments (friendly ones) and members of the Steering Committee.
- 5) Governments (all)
- 6) According to the ratification procedure in the member states