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## **E U R O - L E T T E R no. 10**

Main news in this letter:

Minutes from the Sitges study conference included.

### **A. Council of Europe Business**

- 1) **Additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights (prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation).**
- and
- 2) **NGO status of ILGA to the Council of Europe**

We have received information that members of the CoE Parliamentary Assembly from Germany, Austria, Sweden and Denmark have been approached by members of the CoE working party and urge the other working party members to do so, too!

- 3) **Lesbian and gay rights in Central- and Eastern European countries applying for membership of the Council of Europe**  
The next discussion on new members will be in February 1993.  
Ole Espersen (DK), Daniel Tarschys (S) and David Atkinson have been appointed rapporteurs on Russias application on membership of the CoE. Espersen and Tarschys have been approached by us and RFSL to be informed about the Russian penal code. What about mr. Atkinson?
- 4) **Council of Europe model aids legislation**  
No further news.
- 5) **News from Europe**  
Neither news about nor responses to the contacts to foreign ministers about Ireland and Gibraltar.

Copies of GLENS correspondance to The Human Rights Directorate is enclosed. Please continue the pressure on foreign ministries.

## **B. The CSCE - CHD process**

The CSCE seminar on tolerance will be held in Warsaw November 16 - 20 1992 with NGO participation. Kurt Krickler and John Clark are preparing the document mentioned in Euroletter no. 8 - and ILGA will be present at the seminar by Wolfgang Hulsmann and Kurt Krickler.

Furthermore COC will probably be there - either as part of the official Dutch delegation or on its own. Therefore they want contact with all our people coming to Warsaw.

## **C. EC Businesses**

- 1) **The EC-funded report on lesbians and gay men within the community** and
- 2) **The Sitges study conference on the report**  
The minutes of the Sitges conference are enclosed. Please note the following:
  - a) The definition of family.  
We are looking for a group who will undertake the task of collecting information about the concept of family in European countries and eventually prepare a conference on this issue.
  - b) Send information about organizations who have a view of the family that is in accordance with ours.
  - c) Send information about which MEPs are sympathetic to gay/lesbian issues.
  - d) Bring ideas (with background and budget) for research that could likely be funded by the EC to the Bruxelles meeting.
  - e) Possible test cases to the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg) should be discussed with Kees Waldijk and/or Robert Wintemute.
- 3) **Lesbian visibility project.**  
The project has started and Inge Lise Paulsen and Vibeke Nissen will be present in Bruxelles at the European meeting in December.
- 4) **The resolution in the European Parliament on recognition of the Danish partnership law.**  
No news.
- 5) **Motion for a resolution in the European Parliament on gay marriage**  
No news.

Med kærlig hilsen

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