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Main news in this letter:

Report from the CSCE Warsaw conference on tolerance.

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**

Ole Espersen has received letters from several members of the working party - thank you for that. LBL will arrange a meeting with him in the near future in order to explain to him once again the idea of the additional protocol to the convention of human rights. The resolution is not on the agenda of the next meeting of The Council of Europe in February 1993.

January 28-30 1993 there will be held a meeting organized by the CoE as a preparation to the World Conference on Human Rights. The meeting is called "Human Rights at the Dawn of the 21th Century". John Clark has asked for an invitation to ILGA to take part in the meeting. Further information is enclosed.

Furthermore we enclose a memo from Kurt Krickler about the UN world conference.

- 3) **Lesbian and gay rights in Central- and Eastern European countries applying for membership of the Council of Europe**
As far as the Russian application is concerned Ole Espersen (DK) and Daniel Tarschys (S) have promised to bring up the question of the Russian penal code. What about mr. Atkinson?

From Hein Verkerk we have received the enclosed list of the status of the central and eastern European countries relations to the CoE.

- 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.

B. The CSCE - CHD process

The CSCE seminar on tolerance was held in Warsaw November 16 - 20 1992 with NGO participation. Kurt Krickler was present at the seminar.

The following four papers are enclosed for your information:

1. Kurt's report from the meeting (and on other issues, too).
2. Kurt's statement to the seminar (auf Deutsch).
3. Parts of the ILGA presentation to the participants of the seminar. Apart from the two statements the package included resolutions and other documents that you all know!
4. A statement from the city of Amsterdam about the role of a local government in gay/lesbian emancipation.

In Stockholm there will be held a meeting of the CSCE foreign ministers the 14-15 December 1992. NGO's will be allowed access to the meeting - and RFSL of Sweden will apply for participation on behalf of ILGA.

C. EC Businesses

- 1) **The EC-funded report on lesbians and gay men within the community**
We are waiting for the final report and the European meeting in Bruxelles.
- 2) **The resolutions in the European Parliament on recognition of the Danish partnership law and on gay marriage.**
Efforts are being made to produce one draft resolution for the European Parliament.
- 3) **The EC working party**
A slightly new structure of the working party will be discussed at the Bruxelles meeting. Further information in the pre conference paper.

Med kærlig hilsen

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