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A. Council of Europe Business

Additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights (prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation).

We have provided mr. Ole Espersen (who is rapporteur on the proposed recommendation to the Parliamentary Assembly) with the relevant chapter of the EC report "Homosexuality - A Community Issue", i.e. the chapter "The Treatment of Homosexuals under the European Convention of Human Rights" written by Pieter van Dijk. We hope that mr. Espersens report soon will be ready.

NGO status of ILGA to the Council of Europe

It was decided in Bruxelles - after recommendation of mr. Espersen - that a new application should be sent in June/July this year. This will be done by John Clark though it seems there is a "no entry period" until the statutes of the Council have been revised.

Lesbian and gay rights in Central- and Eastern European countries applying for membership of the Council of Europe

See page 2-3 in the attached letter from Alexandra Duda of February 3rd.

An updates version of Alexandras paper "Comparison of the Legal Situation of Homosexuals in Europe" is enclosed for your information and further use in your lobbying.

The Strassbourg conference

Kurt Krickler and Alexandra Duda attended the conference on behalf of ILGA.

The following papers are enclosed:

1. Information package on the Human Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men.
2. Report from Alexandra Duda of February 3rd.
3. Report of theme 1
4. Report of theme 2

The preparation of the UN conference on human rights are going on. The LBL will follow up on Alexandras talks with and letter to the Danish delegation in Strassbourg.

News from Europe

An information note on the European Commission of Human Rights is enclosed for information.

As far as Ireland is concerned we have got report that Verein zur Förderung lesbisch-schwuler Emanzipation und Integrationsarbeit e.V. (Colin de la Motte-Sherman) has sent letters to the

Prime minister of Ireland and the foreign minister of Germany. The LBL of Denmark has also sent another letter to the Danish foreign ministry.

B. The CSCE - CHD process

The 2nd CSCE seminar on migration will take place in Warsaw 19-23 April 1993. Our usual representative (!) Kurt Krickler cannot take part because of the ILGA Eastern European Regional Conference and have asked whether LBL (as ILGAs asylum information pool) can take part. We do not know yet, but we find out very soon.

C. EC Businesses

The report "Homosexuality - A Community Issue" and the launch of it.

The report will be available during the second week of April and will be launched in Bruxelles during the week of 26 April. As agreed in Bruxelles the launch in other EC countries should take place after that time. Please go ahead and make arrangements in your country! A summary of the report is enclosed in this Euroletter. If you wish you can have it translated in your own language for the launch.

A letter has been sent to the new commissioner for Social Affairs Padriac Flynn asking for a meeting.

Draft report of the EP Committee on Civil Liberties and Equal Treatment of Lesbians and Gays in the EC

No further news.

The ECAS-seminar on discrimination

The seminar will take place in Bruxelles 6-10 September 1993. No further details are known.

A copy of the ECAS Newsflash of January 22 is enclosed.

The PHARE application

The application has been co-sponsored by the WHO.