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Congratulations to Russia, Lithuania, Ireland and Norway!

A. Council of Europe Business

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

No news!

NGO status of ILGA to the Council of Europe

No news!

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

Lithuania has repealed the first part of article 122 in the penal code concerning consensual male/male sex.

Also in Russia homosexuality has been legalized when article 121 of the penal code was changed. The change of the law was kept secret for a month before it was published!

The next country must be Romania! We enclose a fax message from Alexandra Duda to Scott Long with information about the procedure and a request of lobbying the members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and other.

News from Europe

The Irish Parliament has according to Danish news agencies finally passed a law to lift the ban on male homosexuality and to change the age of consent to 17 years.

Norway has adopted a law on registered partnership. The law is exactly the same as the Danish law and it comes into force on August the 1st. 1993

B. The CSCE - CHD process

No news!

The UN Human Rights Conference in Vienna

A group (apparently New York based) has produced a serie of ILGA information sheets for the conference about:

- Civil and political rights of
- Health concerns of
- Economic development of
- Immigration, refugee and asylum laws concerning
- Social and cultural rights of

lesbians, gay men and other sexual minorities.

We wonder who has mandated the group to write on behalf of "other sexual minorities"?

C. EC Businesses

The EC Bureau

The members of the EC Bureau are:

Micha Ramakers

Peter Ashman

David Geer

Susie Jolly

Hein Verkerk

Wouter Wils

Mikkel Emborg

As nobody has protested this group is approved by the working party as the ILGA EC Bureau.

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

A letter from Hein Verkerk about first discussion on the Roth report is enclosed.

The ECAS-seminar on discrimination

The final program and registration form are enclosed.

EC family policy

A draft resolution of the EC ministers on Immigration has been published in the "Nederlands Juristen Blad". The resolution was not adopted in November 1992, but should be considered in Copenhagen June 1993. The resolution has been sent to us by Kees Waldijk and is enclosed. We have not yet heard whether the resolution was considered in Copenhagen.

EC Institutions Lesbian and Gay Staff Group

- has been established in Bruxelles. Minutes of the groups first meeting is enclosed.

Lesbian Visibility Project

An interim report on the project has been produced and sent to the Commission. The report will be discussed in Barcelona.

EC staff regulations

A proposal from the EC Bureau on amending the EC Staff regulations is enclosed.