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A. Council of Europe

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

An application will be sent off by Hans Hjerpekjøn soon emphasizing the NGO status with the UN.

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

We have received information that letter 1 to the council of Europe about Romania (see Euroletter 18) has been sent to Denmark, Iceland, Sweden, Lithuania, Malta, Turkey, Austria, Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Finland, Estonia, Portugal and Ireland. We have not received information from the rest of the CoE working Party.

Letter 2: A protest letter from SIRDO and the Helsinki Committee (from Rumania). The letter should have been faxed or sent from Rumania to LBL for further distribution, but in spite several reminders, we have not received this letter.

The Parliamentary Assembly will discuss and vote on the Romania application on September the 28th. See the attached letter from Alexandra Duda and note the required actions!

Draft European Convention on the Rights of the Child

The survey of international instruments of the council of Europe dealing specifically with family laws that was mentioned in Euroletter 18 will be summarized by LBL and the summary will be sent out with the next Euroletter. Copies of the documents can still be obtained from LBL (contact Steffen Jensen).

Draft European Convention on the Equality between Men and Women

It was decided in Bruxelles that the working party should monitor this work. Who will do that?

The CoE HIV and Aids policy

The report from the Swiss Institute is expected to be published in a short time.

B. The CSCE - CHD process

*The implementation meeting on Human Dimension issues; Warsaw 27 Sept. - 15 Oct.
Kurt Krickler and John Clark have prepared a written statement which is enclosed.*

C. The European Community

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

The report will be discussed in the Committee on September the 20th.

The ECAS-seminar on discrimination

The conclusions of the day about discrimination based on sexual orientation (made by David Geer, who was the rapporteur of the day) is enclosed.

Social exclusion

At a meeting in Copenhagen in June 1993 about 'Combating Social Exclusion' the closing speech of Jaques Delors sat out some guidelines for the further EC work on this issue. The English summary of the conclusions of the speech is enclosed. It is our opinion that this issue should be followed closely by the EC working party and the EC Bureau.

Green paper on the future of European social policy

In a very short time a green paper on this will be released from the Commission and for your information the request from commissioner Flynn is enclosed.

D. Editorial

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