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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 has been prepared and 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

A letter from Alexandra Duda with the Hanolen resolution about new members of the Council of Europe.

#### 1. Romania

Excerpt from the Report on Human Rights in Romania are enclosed.

A fax from Scott Long about the proposed law in Romania that has been changed in a parliamentary committee so that the situation will even worse of that bill is passed!

Please act quickly by sending letters to members of the Parliamentary Assembly, foreign ministers and others. Letters have already been gent to Danish and Swadish parliamentarions and ministers.

and others. Letters have already been sent to Danish and Swedish parliamentarians and ministers and two of them has already answered that they will monitor the situation in Romania, referring to the Halonen resolution.

#### 2. Kazakhstan

According to the magazine of the Austrian section of Amnesty International the ban on homosexuality in Kazakhstan has been repealed (september 1993).

### Draft European Convention on the Rights of the Child

A summary of the survey of international instruments of the council of Europe dealing specifically with family laws was enclosed in Euro Letter 20. A sentence about gaining Danish citizenship could be misunderstood. What was meant was that a registered partnership does not imply citizenship (as marriage does not). But of course is it easier - it requires a shorter period of living in Denmark - for a registered partner to obtain citizenship (as it is for a married spouse) that for others.

#### 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?

#### Other European issues

An update on membership of the Council of Europe is enclosed.

We have received the declaration from the summit of heads of state and governments of the CoE in Vienna. Copies can be obtained.

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

#### The implementation meeting on Human Dimension issues; Warsaw 27 Sept. - 15 Oct.

Report about ILGAs (Kurt Krickler and Hans Hjerpekjön) participation is enclosed together with Hans's final statement to the plenary meeting and the press release.

The Danish foreign ministry has sent us the draft report from work group 1 and we enclose page 8-9 which summarize the discussion on homosexuality.

#### The Human Dimension seminar on Free Media 2 November - 5 November 1993

Tom Lavell took part in the seminar on behalf of ILGA and his statement and oral presentation are enclosed. A report will follow.

#### CSCE Bulletin

An article about NGO's and the Human Dimension is enclosed.

## C. The European Union

# Draft report of the EP Committee on Civil Liberties and Equal Treatment of Lesbians and Gays in the EU (The Roth report)

No news!

#### Green paper on the future of European social policy

No news!

#### EU Family policy

The EU policy paper from the Copenhagen June meeting is enclosed.

#### Other EU issues

A question and the answer about homosexual asylum seekers are enclosed.

A press release from Stonewall about sexual harassment on the workplace is enclosed.

## D. Editorial

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