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A. Council of Europe

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

It was decided at the ILGA London meeting that the working party should write to the ten members of the Parliamentarian Assembly, who originally put forward the recommendation (as far as they still are members of the Assembly) asking them what is going on with the proposal. In Euroletter 22 groups were appointed to do that, but we have not received any information about any contact.

NGO status of ILGA to the Council of Europe

Postponed, cf. Euroletter 22

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

1. Romania

Material from IGLHRC is enclosed together with a letter from Kurt Krickler, a fax from Scott Long to Alexandra Duda and a proposal from Alexandra concerning an upcoming conference in Bucharest.

2. Albania, Moldova and Belarus

It was decided at the London meeting that the "Romania - mechanism" should be used on these three countries. Further information from Alexandra Duda is enclosed.

Draft European Convention on the Rights of the Child and

Draft European Convention on the Equality between Men and Women Peter Ashman will follow these and report back to the Euroletter

Other European issues

You are probably all aware that the British Parliament has reduced the age of consent for gay men from 21 to 18.

The local authority in Greenland has decided that the Danish law on registered partnership shall come into force in Greenland.

A new updated version of Alexandra Dudas "Comparative Survey of the Legal and Social Situation of Homosexuals in Europe" is enclosed.

B. The CSCE - CHD process

No news.

C. The European Union

The Resolution on equal rights for homosexuals and lesbians in the EC

The EC bureau will produce a brief article for the Euroletter about the discussions in the Parliament, but we have not received it yet.

Green paper on the future of European social policy

The green paper was published on November the 15th 1993, but the EC Bureau has not yet sent us any information on the report.

Vote Pink Campaign

See ILGA London meeting resolution in Euroletter 22. No further progress has been reported.

PHARE application

The EC bureau will draft an application (to be discussed within the Secretariats Committee) and try to get a co-sponsorship from WHO. We have not received any further information.

Another Sitges seminar?

We have still only received two (positive) reactions to the proposal in Euroletter 22 about a seminar. Reactions to the proposal should be sent to the Euro Letter.

The European Ombudsman

An article from ECAS's "The European Citizen" is enclosed.

D. European non-discrimination campaign

See ILGA London meeting recommendation in Euroletter 22. GLEN has not as yet send any proposal.