

DECLARATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS ON THE
RECOGNITION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND
EXPRESSION IN THE OSCE

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We, the undersigned representatives of civil society, call upon the OSCE participating states to recognise sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression explicitly as grounds of discrimination, intolerance, hate-motivated crimes and human rights violations in the OSCE commitments.

There is substantial evidence that the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities are especially vulnerable to hate crimes and therefore have a particular need to be included in programmes addressing this issue. We therefore commend the inclusive and comprehensive approach of ODIHR in its work on hate crimes, data collection, police trainings, awareness raising and promotion of measures to fight discrimination on all grounds. We call upon the OSCE participating states to continue supporting this work and provide adequate resources.

We recall the participating states of their obligation under various international treaties and national constitutions to respect, protect, promote and fulfil the human rights of all persons without discrimination. It is therefore our great concern that the OSCE participating states do not have a consensus on interpretation of “all people” and exclude certain social groups from exercising their human rights, such as the right to life and physical integrity, freedom of assembly and association, right to private life and freedom of expression. These rights, if protected, ensure the dignity of all people, and there can be no justification for exclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons from enjoyment of these rights.

Signed by:

1. European Social Platform
2. Human Rights First, USA
3. International Association for Intercultural Education (IAIE)
4. International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, USA
5. European Women’s Lobby
6. European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA-Europe)
7. Amnesty International EU Office
8. International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights
9. NGO Platform “Coalition Europe”
10. European Humanist Federation
11. European Network Against Racism (ENAR)
12. European Organisation for Human Rights (EHOR), Strasbourg
13. European Roma Rights Centre
14. Youth for Human Rights International, USA and Austria
15. Quaker Council for European Affairs
16. World Organisation Against Torture – Europe (OMCT Europe)

17. European Anti-Poverty Network
18. Centre for Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE), Switzerland
19. Ascedent, Romania
20. OSCE-NGO Network
21. Conseil de la Jeunesse Pluriculturelle (COJEP International)
22. Organisation Sociale de St. Petersburg «Union Africaine», Russia
23. Jewish Cultural Centre “Menora”, Armenia
24. Roma Education Fund, Hungary
25. Romo Amaro, Belarus
26. Memorial of Saint Petersburg, Russia
27. TransGenderEurope
28. Spanish LGBT Federation (FELGBT), Spain
29. Movimiento contra la Intolerancia, Spain
30. The Islamic Commission of Spain
31. GlobalSIDA, Spain
32. SOS Rassismus Deutschewerz, Switzerland
33. Swiss African Forum, Switzerland
34. RFSL, Sweden
35. Campaign Against Homophobia, Poland
36. Georgian Young Lawyers Association, Georgia
37. NGO Nash Mir (Our World), Ukraine
38. Coalition of HIV-Service Organisations of Ukraine
39. Information Centre GenderDoc-M, Moldova
40. National Roma Centre, Moldova
41. LADOM (Moldovan League for Human Rights Protection), Moldova
42. National Youth Council of Moldova
43. NGO Labrys, Kyrgyzstan
44. NGO Gaudeamus, Moldova
45. AntiAIDS Association, Kyrgyzstan
46. Resource Centre for Human Rights in Moldova “CReDO”, Moldova
47. Association ACCEPT, Romania
48. Centre for Legal Resources, Romania
49. Metropolitan Community Churches, USA
50. Crisis Centre for Women, Kyrgyzstan
51. Inclusive Foundation, Georgia
52. NGO “We for Civil Equality”, Armenia
53. NGO “Gender and Development”, Azerbaijan
54. Ursari Roma Association, Romania
55. NGO “LIGA”, Ukraine
56. Gay Forum, Ukraine
57. Latvian Centre for Human Rights. Latvia
58. Landsforeningen for Bøsser og Lesbiske (LBL), Denmark
59. Institute for Peace and Democracy. Azerbaijan
60. Gay Alliance, Ukraine
61. SOVA Centre, Moscow, Russia
62. Magenta Foundation, the Netherlands
63. African Caribbean Leadership Council, UK
64. “Never Again” Association, Poland
65. AIDS Network, Moldova
66. Youth Union Siin, Estonia

67. Homosexuelle Initiative (HOSI) Wien – 1. Lesben- und Schwulenverband Österreichs
68. Croydon Area Gay Society, UK
69. Gay and Lesbian Equality Network (GLEN), Ireland
70. Helsinki Human Rights Committee for Serbia, Serbia
71. Women’s Initiative for Equality, Georgia
72. NGO ADALI, Kazakhstan
73. NGO “Tais +”, Kyrgyzstan
74. Women’s Initiatives Supporting Group, Georgia
75. Donetsk Law Initiative, Ukraine
76. All-Ukrainian Youth Organisation “Foundation of Regional Initiatives”, Ukraine
77. Youth Organisation “Bizim Qirim”, Crimea, Ukraine
78. TV Antena 1, Romania
79. Alianta Nationala pentru Unitatea Romilor (National Roma Unity Alliance), Romania
80. Association of Nordic LGBT Student Organisations (ANSO), Sweden
81. The Federation of Swedish LGBT Student Organisations (SFG), Sweden
82. Youth Group for Tolerance “ETHnICS”, Russia
83. Open Viewpoint Public Foundation, Kyrgyzstan
84. NGO “Transformation”, Sweden
85. Gender Group of Gothenburg University, Sweden
86. International NGO Training and Research Centre (INTRAC), UK
87. Union “Century 21”, Georgia
88. Canadian Arab Federation, Canada
89. Kulturburo Sachsen (Cultural Office), Germany
90. Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe (CEJI)
91. Youth Against Intolerance and Discrimination, Georgia
92. Netherlands Helsinki Committee
93. Advocates for Lesbian and Gay Rights International (ALEGRI), UK
94. Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany LSVD, Germany
95. Qendra per Emancipim Shoqeror (Center for Social Emancipation) QESh, Kosovo
96. The Human Rights Centre of Azerbaijan
97. Democracy Monitor, Azerbaijan
98. Malta Gay Rights Movement, Malta
99. COC Haaglanden, the Netherlands
100. Informational Medical-Psychological Centre Tanadgoma, Georgia
101. ILGA Portugal
102. International Gay and Lesbian Youth and Student Organisation (IGLYO)
103. YouAct, the Netherlands
104. GAT - Grupo Português de Activistas sobre Tratamentos do VIH/SIDA (AIDS Treatment Advocates group)
105. The Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)
106. National Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Centers, USA
107. RFSL Ungdom - The Swedish youth federation for LGBT rights, Sweden

108. Hudson Pride Connections, USA
109. the National Council of German Women's Organizations, Germany
110. Centre for Legal Resources, Romania
111. European Pride Organisers Association (EPOA)
112. Women's Network of Croatia
113. Lesbian Group Kontra, Croatia
114. Gamá, Colectivo de LGTB de Canarias, Spain
115. RozeLinks (LGBT group GreenLeft), the Netherlands
116. Lesbian, gay, transsexual and bisexual association of Balearic Islands, Spain
117. Aleas Izquierda Unida La Rioja, Spain
118. Euskal herriko lesbiana, gay, transexual eta bisexualen elkartea / Asociacion de gays, lesbianas, transexuales y bisexuales del pais Vasco, Spain
119. Labrisz Lesbian Association, Hungary
120. la Asamblea de Mujeres de Albacete, Spain
121. La Fundación Canaria para el desarrollo (FUNDESCAN), Spain
122. Gay Liberation Movement of Cyprus
123. Asociacion de lesbianas, gays, transexuales y bisexuales de Cantabria, Spain
124. Alliance of LGBT and their friends "Mozaika", Latvia
125. RQTR, the Complutense University LGTB organization, Spain
126. European Green Party
127. La Asociación Grup d'Amics Gais (GAG), Spain
128. Grupo de interes español en población, desarrollo y salud reproductiva, Spain
129. Asociacion Acord, Spain
130. Schools OUT, UK
131. LGBT history month, UK
132. European Network on Independent Living (ENIL)
133. Seta, Finland
134. Holebifederatie, the Flemish GLBT umbrella, Belgium
135. Católicas por el derecho a Decidir en España, Spain
136. LGBT Group Green Party of England & Wales, UK