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« THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN DANGER »

Dear Governor,

I am deeply concerned about a new bill that would severely restrict the right to freedom of expression of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people in the Russian city of St Petersburg.

The proposed legislation violates the rights to freedom of expression and assembly, as well as the right to non-discrimination and equality before the law, guaranteed by **international human rights treaties** to which Russia is a signatory.

These include the **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms**. In addition, it violates the Constitution of the Russian Federation itself, which prohibits discrimination and guarantees the right to freedom of expression.

Therefore I urge you

- not to pass the legislation, either in its current or amended form;
- To call on the St Petersburg Legislative Assembly to protect the rights of all individuals, regardless of their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity, to freedom of expression and assembly, freedom from discrimination and equality before the law, in accordance with European and international human rights law.

Please inform me of the efforts in this case

Sincerely

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Deutsch: Das Recht auf freie Meinungsäußerung von Lesben, Schwulen, Bisexuellen, Transgender und Intersexuellen (LGBTI) in St. Petersburg könnte durch einen neuen Gesetzesentwurf stark eingeschränkt werden. Das Gesetz würde jede Sichtbarkeit von LGBTI Personen (offensichtlicher Kuss) und Organisationen (Standaktion, Kulturveranstaltungen, Demonstrationen, Internet, Regenbogenfahne) unter dem Vorwand des Jugendschutzes aus dem öffentlichen Raum verbannen.
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