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Laws discriminating against gay men in Gibraltar

Reply to Written question[1]: Written question No. 539 (Doc. 11485)
Committee of Ministers

1. In reply to the honourable parliamentarian's question, the Committee of Ministers recalls that it is strongly attached to the principle of equal rights of all human beings. The Council of Europe's message of tolerance and non-discrimination applies to all European societies and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation is not compatible with this message.

2. The Committee of Ministers was informed by the United Kingdom that the legislation at issue is currently under review by the Government of Gibraltar. The United Kingdom reaffirmed its commitment on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues, and indicated that the Government of Gibraltar is aware of the importance of compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights, notably the principle of non-discrimination. The Committee of Ministers welcomes the assurance that the United Kingdom takes very seriously its full international responsibility for Gibraltar, and therefore its responsibility for Gibraltar's compliance with the Convention, and encourages the United Kingdom to resolve this matter in the near future. The Committee will keep the Parliamentary Assembly informed of developments on this matter.

1. Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 23 April 2008, at the 1024th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.