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Homosexual rights in Russia

Written question No. 567 to the Committee of Ministers

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1. Referring to the events at the Lomonosov University in Moscow on 17 May 2009 where Russian authorities banned a demonstration on anti-discrimination and tolerance organised by homosexuals;
2. Considering the same events in Moscow on 17 May 2009 where Omon special police forces brutally dissolved the above-mentioned demonstration by beating up demonstrators and arresting 40 people;
3. Concerned by the fact that the mayor of Moscow, Mr. Jurij Lusjkov, has stated that the police acted appropriately for the situation and within the framework of the law, and that, on a previous occasion, he has characterised homo parades as the “work of Satan” and declared that “homosexuals are like weapons of mass destruction”;

Mr Jensen,

To ask the Committee of Ministers,

Whether the Committee intends to address the Russian government in order to condemn the violation of the European Convention on Human Rights committed by Russian authorities, to ask the Russian government whether it agrees on the statement made by Mr. Lusjkov, and to ask the Russian government how it intends to ensure that the European Convention on Human Rights is respected in Russia and that homosexuals are not discriminated by bans and violence.

Signed:

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