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The situation of LGBT people in Turkey

Reply to Written question[1]: Written question No. 713 (Doc. 14144)
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1. The Committee of Ministers recalls that all persons within the jurisdiction of a Contracting Party enjoy the rights under the European Convention on Human Rights free from discrimination on any ground, including sexual orientation. Article 2 of the Convention, which protects the right to life, ranks as one of its most fundamental provisions. It places positive obligations on the Contracting State to protect life by, *inter alia*, having in place an effective criminal justice system, including carrying out an official investigation into any unlawful killing, capable of identifying those responsible with a view to their punishment.

2. During the examination by the Committee of Ministers of Mr Jensen's question, the Turkish delegation affirmed that its legislation is in line with the Council of Europe standards and observed that, since the question was phrased in general terms, with no reference to a particular event or events, the response could be only of a general nature.

1. Adopted at the 1275th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (18 January 2017).