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Unjustified damage to the image of the Moldovan Parliament

Written declaration No. 480

This written declaration does not reflect the position of the Assembly; only of those members that have signed it. It will not be considered further by the Assembly.

In the written declaration (WD no. 474-[Doc. 12579](#)) "Homophobic speech by members of Moldova's parliament and intimidation of LGBT human rights defenders", signed by a group of Parliamentary Assembly members, there is a discrepancy between its accusatory title and its groundless content. There have been no homophobic speeches by any member of the Moldovan Parliament, a fact easily attested by all the documentary evidence, such as video recordings, minutes of parliamentary discussions and media coverage.

The Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights initiated hearings and public debates related to the National Human Rights Plan with a large participation of members of Parliament and NGO representatives, concerning the adoption of the anti-discrimination law.

After further improvements, the Government will send the draft of the anti-discrimination law back to the Parliament for adoption.

It is regrettable that Assembly members have been misled into signing a baseless declaration, thus becoming accomplices in spreading lies which damage unjustifiably the image of a member state of the Council of Europe.

Signed (see overleaf)



Signed¹:

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Total = 23

1. ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
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