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On 1 October at the meeting of the enlarged Liaison Committee on the protection of Human Rights Defenders, the INGOs adopted a declaration to support Amnesty International against attacks based on religious doctrine

INGO Declaration to support Amnesty International's stand against attacks based on religious doctrine

On 2 October the Human Rights Grouping adopted a Resolution on the statement by Patriarch Alexi II of Moscow and all of Russia on homosexuality

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Relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union

On 2 October the Conference of INGOs held an exchange of views with Mrs Pavan-Woolfe, representative of the European Commission to the Council of Europe. Discussion focused on Article 50 of the Memorandum of Understanding "The Contribution of civil society to achieving the objectives shared by the Council of Europe and the European Union will also be encouraged".

Reference documents:

[Memorandum of Understanding](#)

[Contribution of the INGO Conference to the Juncker Report](#)

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Agenda of the meeting on 3 October 2007

Dear friends,

We hope you have had a nice summer wherever you have been in the world...

You all know well that in the process of the new architecture and methods of work of the INGO Conference it is up to us – member of the "Gender equality grouping" - to explain carefully again to our colleagues in the INGO Conference and to make sure, **why** a separate grouping "Gender equality" is needed for long term.

Remember Kofi Annan: "Progress for women is progress for all"

That's why we have decided to focus our discussions on that crucial point during the October meeting. The outcome of our reflections must be a document, which states clearly the rationale for a separate Grouping "Gender equality".

The document should be presented at the Liaison Committee Meeting 5/6 October.
The meeting will be lead by Karin Nordmeyer.

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Nomination of a rapporteur
4. Reflection and Discussions in view of a document
Rationale: why we need a separate Grouping "Gender Equality"
5. Any other business

We are looking forward to the pleasure of listening to your comments and ideas.

With kind regards,

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