

I am very much concerned about the discussion on Draft Federal Law no. 44554-6 of which the first reading was held on 25 January.

The bill outlawing the "propaganda of homosexuality amongst minors" should not be passed, and the authorities should protect the rights of everyone, regardless of their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity, to protect freedom of expression and assembly, freedom from discrimination and equality before the law, in accordance with European and international human rights law. The harassment of LGBTI activists must be stopped immediately.

I sincerely expect your powerful action on these points.

Truly yours,

cc: Head of GU MVD for Moscow