

I am writing to ask you to end the climate of impunity for homophobic attacks by acknowledging and condemning publicly these crimes, and ensure that impartial, thorough and prompt investigations are conducted into the June and July attacks, and into all previous attacks on the lives or property of LGBT people or organizations, with those found responsible brought to justice.

I also request you to introduce amendments to the anti-discrimination legislation to include sexual orientation and gender identity as specific grounds for discrimination/

Lastly I urge you without delay and in consultation with LGBTI organizations, to introduce legislation prohibiting hate crime, specifically including hate crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as ethnicity, race, gender and other grounds for discrimination recognized in international standards.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,