

I would like to express my concern about the Amendment XXXIII, which defines marriage restrictively as a union between a woman and a man.

I welcome the withdrawal of the previous version of Amendment XXXIII, which even includes a restrictive definition of registered cohabitation, or any other form of registered partnership, as a union solely between a woman and a man. However, by limiting marriage to different-sex couples, Amendment XXXIII directly discriminates against LGBTI people, who live or wish to live in a same-sex union, in the enjoyment of their right to family life and all the reproductive and social rights associated with marriage.

Therefore, I sincerely urge you to withdraw Amendment XXXIII completely and to respect, protect and fulfil the right to family life of all people in Macedonia without discrimination.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,