

I am writing this to express my grave concern for the legislation you are about to sign, banning propaganda of non-traditional sexual orientation, which would violate the right to freedom of expression and discriminate against LGBTI people.

I urge you to reject all draft legislation (including the Law on Child Protection) and amendments that promote restrictions on the right to freedom of expression, as well as discrimination on the basis of real or perceived sexual orientation.

I also urge you to ensure that any further draft legislation and proposed amendments fully comply with Kazakhstan's international obligations aimed at protecting the right to freedom of expression, and at ending all forms of discrimination on the basis of real or perceived sexual orientation.

At the same time, I call on you to ensure the transparency of the legislative process.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,