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ILGA-Europe member organizations all across the OSCE member states have documented numerous cases of human rights violations, hate crimes and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. These violations are coming from prejudiced social groups, but in many instances are institutionalized and practiced by state authorities. They can take the form of discriminatory laws (homosexuality is still criminalized in two OSCE member states: Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan), as well as discriminatory practices, the source of which very often, in particular in Eastern European states, are law enforcement authorities.

**In this context we call OSCE member states to:**

- Put pressure on Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan governments to decriminalize consenting homosexual relations
- To abolish discriminatory legislation in relation to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights, in particular in relation to discriminatory age of consent in some of the member states
- To develop educational tools for promotion of tolerance in schools and other educational institutions, inclusive for all minority issues, including sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression
- To ensure ODIHR has sufficient resources to work on tolerance and anti-discrimination initiatives
- To provide resources for NGOs to ensure proper partnerships between ODIHR and civil society, as well as possibility to implement joint projects, for example in the field of data collection on hate crimes
- To ensure continuity, strengthen and fully resource the offices of the three Personal Representatives of the Chair-in-Office

On behalf of the European LGBT community we would like to express our regret for the fact that Slovenian Chairmanship did not make references anywhere in the text of the draft Cordoba declaration to discrimination or incitement to hatred against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, as well as Roma, Sinti and Travelers. We hope that this major omission can be rectified by the end of the conference or in the coming weeks.