

INTERVENE TO PREVENT CRIMINALIZATION OF LGBTI PEOPLE IN RUSSIA



Dear Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation,,

We, the undersigned call for your intervention to prevent further violations of the human rights of LGBTI people in Russia.

On 30 November 2023, the Supreme Court of Russia ruled to recognize “the international public LGBT movement” as “extremist”. This has effectively outlawed any public association with the LGBTI community. The ruling will result in severe legal consequences for everyone involved in LGBTI rights-related activities and put at risk anyone with a known, or assumed, association with the LGBTI community. It will lead to grave violations of the rights to freedom of association, expression, and peaceful assembly, as well as the right to be free from discrimination. It will affect countless people, and its repercussions are poised to be nothing short of catastrophic.

We call on you to take all appropriate measures within your competence to prevent the violations of the human rights of LGBTI people and to ensure respect for the human rights of everyone in Russia.

Sincerely,

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