Terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons[1]

Denomination: General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons.

Term of office: two years, renewable a maximum of once (Rule 50.7 of the Rules of Procedure).

Subject: it is the duty of the General Rapporteur on LGBTI rights to intervene in the area of the protection and the promotion of the rights of LGBTI persons, particularly on issues related to discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics. He or she shall report periodically to the Committee on the information collected and the action taken.

Responsibilities: The role of the General Rapporteur is to:

- follow activities and maintain working relations with the Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner on Human Rights, the Committee of Ministers and the European Court of Human Rights, as well as with relevant Council of Europe intergovernmental and monitoring bodies dealing with the protection and promotion of the rights of LGBTI persons;
- follow activities and maintain working relations with national parliaments, the European Parliament, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, the Fundamental Rights Agency, the European Commission, as well as with non-governmental organisations active in the area of the protection and the promotion of the rights of LGBTI persons;
- follow up on the relevant Assembly resolutions and recommendations, in particular Resolution 2543 (2024) "Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe", Resolution 2576 (2024) "Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against lesbian, bisexual and queer women in Europe", Resolution 2417 and Recommendation 2220 (2022) “Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe”, Resolution 2418 (2022) “Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the Southern Caucasus”, Resolution 2230 and Recommendation 2138 (2018) “Persecution of LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)”, Resolution 2239 (2018) “Private and family life: achieving equality regardless of sexual orientation”, Resolution 2191 (2017) “Promoting the human rights of and eliminating discrimination against intersex people” and Resolution 2048 (2015) “Discrimination against transgender people in Europe”.

The General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI persons also ensures the co-ordination of the Assembly’s Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe.

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