

European Centre-Right LGBT Alliance
The centre-right network of European LGBT+ organisations

Dear Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Børge Brende
Minister of Immigration and Integration, Mr. Per Sandberg (acting)

The recent news are frightening. Homosexual and allegedly homosexual men in Chechnya are arrested, tortured and so far at least three have reportedly been killed by order of their own state. In most media this seems not a major issue. But Chechnya is Russia! This happens on the borderline of Europe! Putin - keeps silent – which is no big surprise. Europe must not accept murders of minorities on our own doorstep. That is why Chechnya concerns us all!

In the history of our continent similar persecutions started to take place 80 years ago. Europe always claimed to have learned its lesson. Now we have the chance and the moral obligation to prove that again.

We strongly appeal to the foreign ministers of Europe and the European Parliament to do everything in your power to intervene publicly and/or diplomatically to investigate and stop those arrests and killings in Chechnya and to save those men. We also demand from the European countries to offer the victims protection and consider asylum.

Yours sincerely

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