

## to the 38 delegations to the Third Meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe

Moscow, 10 September to 4 October 1991

## adopted by the round-table conference

## **HUMAN RIGHTS FOR GAY MEN AND LESBIANS IN EUROPE**

an official parallel CHD/CSCE activitiy held in

Moscow, 7 - 8 September 1991

The representatives of gay and lesbian organisations, groups, and publications assembled in Moscow, 7 - 8 September, 1991 for the round-table conference *Human Rights for Gay Men and Lesbians in Europe*, a parallel activity to the forthcoming Moscow Meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension of the CSCE, shortly after the historic events that reaffirmed the revolutionary changes in the USSR,

Considering the discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation when the various states apply the law regarding individual rights of the citizens,

Considering Recommendation 924 (1981) and Resolution 756 (1981) on discrimination against homosexuals adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Resolution on sexual discrimination at the workplace adopted by the European Parliament in March 1984,

<u>Considering</u> the Meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension of the CSCE a most appropriate forum for such a consideration,

Ask you to favourably consider, discuss, and adopt the following text:

The participating States consider the right of any person to live in accordance with her or his sexual orientation a fundamental human right and will take measures to eliminate and to prevent discrimination against persons based on their sexual orientation.

The expression "sexual orientation" shall mean sexual attraction towards a person of the same sex or the opposite sex, whether this is manifested in a physical or emotional form.

Moscow, 8 September 1991

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(The text in this Resolution is identical with the text proposed by the *International Lesbian* and Gay Association (ILGA) through a letter of this organisation's Secretary General, John Clark, directed to the Foreign Ministers of all participating States on 9 August 1991. This Resolution is in support of the ILGA's proposal.)