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## Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity

Motion for a recommendation  
presented by Mr JURGENS and others

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only the members who have signed it

1. It now seven years since the Assembly prepared a report on discrimination against Lesbians and Gays in Council of Europe member states. In the intervening period there are new developments, both positive and negative.
2. Positive: the introduction of the Yogyakarta Principles in November 2006. They codify a broad range of human rights and standards in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity. These principles affirm binding international legal principles with which all states must comply.
3. Negative: hostility to Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender and Intersex people appears to be intensifying in a number of member states. Patriarch Alexy II's response to a question in the Assembly on 2 October 2007, in which he described homosexuality as an illness and an abnormality comparable to kleptomania, illustrates this phenomenon.
4. There is therefore a need for the Assembly to update its previous report, examining discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and drawing up recommendation.

*Signed (see overleaf)*

*Signed*<sup>1</sup>:

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UEL: Group of the Unified European Left  
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