

To Their Excellencies:

James Warlick, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy
Guillermo Azrak, Ambassador, Embassy of Argentina
Gerhard Reiweger, Ambassador, Embassy of Austria
Mark Michielsen, Ambassador, Embassy of Belgium
Jonathan Allen, Ambassador – British Embassy
Kaare Janson, Ambassador, Embassy of Denmark
Matthias Hoepfner, Ambassador, Embassy of Germany
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Boyko Borisov, Prime Minister of Bulgaria
Tsetska Tsacheva, Chair of National Assembly of Bulgaria
Nikolay Mladenov, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Andrey Tehov, Ambassador of Bulgaria to the Council of Europe
Tsvetan Tsvetanov, Minister of Interior
Foreign Affairs Ministers of: USA, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Finland, France, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia
Bulgarian Media

Your Excellencies,

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

As civil society organizations representing thousands of families in Bulgaria, we would like to express our deep indignation of your support of the gay parade and its accompanying events this year. In this act of interference in the domestic affairs of Bulgaria we see nothing, but purposeful political pressure to blur the conventional boundaries of our society and to erode its attitudes concerning the family institution.

By your actions you indirectly declare and support the demands of homosexual activists, namely: equal rights for adoption of children, inheritance, registration of same-sex unions, homosexual education in schools, easy civil procedures for a sex change and others. All these claims represented as “civil rights and liberties” tend to limit the rights and freedoms of millions of Bulgarians, as most of the affected are the children – the future of Bulgaria.

As citizens and parents, we can not stay indifferent when homosexual behavior and lifestyle has been imposed to our children as harmless and modern. We respect the choice of every person, but we do not want to pay with the life and the health of our children for the consequences of such a policy.

Your political support (including financial from some of the foreign missions) to the parade, the “cultural” events and movies that accompanied it, is not only interference in areas that are not Your jurisdiction (such as violation of Art. 41 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations), but pressure for redefining family in Bulgaria.

The Constitution of Bulgaria clearly defines that Bulgarian family is an union between one man and one woman. The future of Bulgaria - our children – are unthinkable without mothers and fathers. Healthy families are a guaranteed foundation for a healthy society. We want the Bulgarian society and especially our children to live in a country where family values are promoted, which encourages the building of healthy and happy families.

In relation to the above, we appeal for your non-interference in the internal affairs of our country with respect to family, culture and sexual education of our children. We consider it is more than necessary that the countries as the

ones that you represent should help strengthening Bulgarian society by encouraging and affirming family values rather than destroying them.

We appeal that you stop supporting the aggressive and one-sided imposition of destructive behavior of the society and personality, by supporting the gay parade, public events, cultural events, media and education. We would like to receive your written assurance of your non support of future gay parades.

Sincerely,

1. Stoyan Georgiev, chairman, Association Society and Values
2. Prof. Dechko Svilenov, chairman, Foundation "Friends of Bulgaria"
3. Peter Valkov, co- founder of Civil Forum for Child and Family Protection
4. Maria Terzieva, chairman, Foundation "Light for Life"
5. Ivan Valkov, chairman Foundation "Light on the Balkans"
6. Radoslav Iliev, director, Foundation "Opportunities for Everyone"
7. Ivo Koichev, chairman, Foundation "Bridge of Love – Bulgaria"
8. Peter Peev, chairman, Parents Committee, Peter Peev
9. Vania Angelova, representing Forum for Contemporary Education
10. Snejinka Zvetanova, chairman, "ECO Mramor"
11. Gergana Nikolova, chairman Discussion Club "Free Bulgaria"
12. Kiril Svilenov, MD, chairman, Bulgarian Christian Medical Association
13. Ludmila Manova, deputy chairman, Civil organization "Sila"
14. Bistra Alexova, coordinator, Parents Civil Initiative – Pazardjik
15. Philip Rashev, manager, Foundation Mission Restoration
16. Ognyan Chipev, chairman "Novi han-European settlement"
17. Peter Porumbachanov, chairman, Association of Home Education
18. Leo Penchev, coordinator, Association Save the Children
19. Georgi Georgiev, coordinator Parents Civil Initiative – Varna
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