



FLASH REPORT

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Title: Campaign for change of constitutional equality guarantee
Country: Germany

Context

Issue at stake: Amendment of constitutional equality guarantee (sexual identity)
Ground of discrimination: of sexual orientation
Source: political development
Field: Other

Legislative provisions: Art. 3 Basic Law

Content

Case/law/political development: A campaign has been launched to amend the equality guarantee of the German Basic Law to include sexual identity as a forbidden ground of unequal treatment. The campaign is mostly supported by the gay and lesbian movement but has found considerable support beyond these groups as well. The campaign has organised various events and hopes to initiate a serious discussion of the issue.

Short analysis: The campaign has the quite justifiable aim to adopt the German equality guarantee to international anti-discrimination standards that include sexual orientation (an equivalent like sexual identity). The political perspectives of this campaign to succeed are far from clear. In 2009 there are parliamentary elections in Germany. Against this background, the main political forces will not seriously engage with the issue.

Internet link source and additional information:

<http://www.artikeldrei.de/index.html>