



NEWS REPORT

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Title: Sexual orientation as ground for discrimination in the adoption of nondiscrimination legislation
Country: The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Context

Issue at stake: Procedure of adopting Law on Prevention and Protection from Discrimination
Ground of discrimination: Sexual orientation
Source: Political development
Field: All fields
Legislative provisions: Art. 6 of the draft Law on Prevention and Protection from Discrimination

Content

Political development: On January 28, 2010 the Governmental Cabinet publicly announced that they have adopted the draft Antidiscrimination Law accepting the version prepared jointly by the government and NGO experts with one major omission – they deleted the sexual orientation as discrimination ground. The reasons for that were: that is not an imperative ground and if it is legalized the homosexuals would seek the right on marriage and adoption of children.

In spite of all the NGOs, journalists and members of the Parliament efforts to see the text of the draft Law, the representatives of the Government promised that the text would be published on the internet and until the date of this Flash Report this was not done.

Internet link source and additional information:

http://npaa.sep.gov.mk/npaa/vNLpodredenilist.aspx?x_Poglavje=23&z_Poglavje=%3d.,&vNLpodredeni_psearchtype=&vNLpodredeni_psearch=