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to the Council

Subject: Rights of LGBTs and Durban II

At the Durban II conference on racism the European ambassadors left the room in protest at the remarks made by the Iranian President, Mahmoud Amahinejad.

However, the question arises as to why these ambassadors were present at a conference which will further undermine the position of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual persons. Mr Ahmadinejad regularly has homosexuals beheaded or stoned, but no criticism is forthcoming from European leaders.

Does the Council agree on the need to fight all forms of discrimination, including that based on sexual orientation, in the same way as our leaders fight racism?