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to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Equal treatment of the LGBTIQ+ community within the Greek Police

The Greek Ministry of Citizen Protection recently rejected the request of 'Police Action for Human Rights' to support the European LGBT Police Association Conference (Thessaloniki, June 2020) entitled 'Building Bridges between the Police and the LGBTIQ community'. In fact, it has also refused to provide proper protection for the event so that it can go ahead smoothly.

At the same time, Thessaloniki is hosting the Europride Festival 2020, which is being organised for the first time in south-eastern Europe.

The Greek Ministry's refusal is difficult to square with the institutional role of the Police in protecting citizens regardless of gender, gender identity, gender characteristics or sexual orientation, promoting human rights and ensuring the unimpeded exercise of these rights (Law no. 2800/2000).

Given that the European LGBT Police Association Conference is supported by the European Parliament, the Commission and the Council of Europe, will the Commission say:

1. How does it assess this decision of the Greek government, which runs counter to the EU's founding and fundamental values?
2. Does it intend to make recommendations, and possibly take action, with a view to ensuring equal treatment of the LGBTIQ + community within the Greek Police?
3. What actions is it implementing and planning to raise awareness of these matters among public services in the Member States, in the context of the proposal for a horizontal directive banning discrimination?