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Acting Secretary General of the Council of Europe Maud de Boer-Buquicchio regrets the cancellation of Gay Pride in Belgrade

Strasbourg, 21.09.2009 - I deeply regret that the Gay Pride in Belgrade had to be cancelled under the threat of violence. This was a sad day not only for the LGBT community, but for everyone in Serbia who believes in democracy, human dignity and human rights. I encourage the Serbian authorities to analyse the circumstances which led to the cancellation and make sure that, in the future, violence, prejudice and hate will not be allowed to prevent the exercise of rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights.

La Secrétaire Générale ad interim du Conseil de l'Europe Maud de Boer-Buquicchio déplore l'annulation du défilé de la Gay Pride à Belgrade

Strasbourg, 21.09.2009 – Je regrette vivement que le défilé de la Gay Pride prévu à Belgrade ait dû être annulé en raison de menaces de violences. C'est une triste journée non seulement pour la communauté LGBT, mais aussi pour tous ceux qui, en Serbie, croient à la démocratie, à la dignité humaine et aux droits de l'homme. J'encourage les autorités serbes à examiner les circonstances qui ont conduit à cette annulation et à s'assurer, à l'avenir, qu'on ne permette plus que la violence, les préjugés et la haine empêchent l'exercice de droits garantis par la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme.

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