



Dear Minister

Under Russia's Federal Law 121-FZ of 20 July 2012 (Foreign Agents Law), every non-governmental organisation (NGO) receiving foreign funding must register as an "organization performing the functions of a foreign agent" if it engages in "political activity". Five Russian NGOs have already been taken to court and issued with heavy fines, the latest being LGBTI organization Vyhod (Coming Out) on 19 June 2013. In addition, the offices of hundreds of NGOs across Russia have been "inspected" by prosecution officials and other officials.

I urge you to stop the harassment of LGBTI organizations Bok-o-Bok (Side by Side) and Vyhod (Coming Out), and of other independent civil society organizations, through inspections and fines.

I call on you to repeal Federal Law 121-FZ of 20 July 2012 (Foreign Agents Law) as non-compliant with Russia's obligations under international human rights law and its national Constitution.

I urge you to withdraw the fines, as well as the orders and warnings already issued by the Prosecutor's Office to NGOs under this law.

Yours sincerely,

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