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Fax to: International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, New York

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Dear Ms. Paula Ettelbrick,

In regards to the letter you addressed to the President of the Republic of Croatia and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia and faxed to me as a copy on July 20th 2007, I would like to inform you as follows.

As the Croatian Ombudswoman for Gender Equality I monitor the implementation of the Gender Equality Law and other laws concerning gender equality, including legal regulations pertaining to the discrimination based on sexual orientation about what I send regular annual reports to the Croatian Parliament. In the course of the past four years I've been on this duty, I have actively supported LGBT community in Croatia and participated in promotion of their rights. I also cooperate closely with the gay and lesbian non-governmental organizations „Iskorak“ and „Kontra“ concerning the changes in legislature.

This year, as all the previous years, I signed the public support statement to the Zagreb Pride 2007 and I personally joined the march on July 7th 2007. The same evening, after the march, I witnessed a group of young people walking in the middle of the street and shouting „Kill Fags“, „Fags to Camps“ etc. I personally reported on this to the police in the nearest police station. According to the information I have, the police did talk to this group a few blocks away from where I saw them, but I don't know yet the results of the police action.

Due to the fact that quite a lot of attacks on the participants have been recorded during and after the Zagreb Pride 2007 march, which have been identified as misdemeanour cases although there is a possibility that some of them were criminal acts, I asked for an official report from the Ministry of Interior Affairs on July 19th 2007. I am still waiting for a reply.

Sincerely Yours,

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