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1. BASIC DATA

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3. MISSION AND GOALS

3.1. MISSION:

The mission of the association is protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of citizens with homosexual orientation (hereinafter "minority") and representation of the minority in interactions with government authorities and local self-governing authorities as its official and representative agent. It aims to point out the discrimination of the minority in the society and to seek its elimination.

3.2. GOALS:

- Passing of a legislative measure concerning the cohabitation of same-sex persons.
- Enforcement and protection of minority interests in majority society.
- Development of civil society by various forms of socio-cultural activity expanding citizen awareness in accordance with the Constitution of the Slovak Republic and the Declaration of the Rights and the Liberties of Men.
- Editorial and publication activities.

Mainly:

- a) Support of publication activities, purchasing and editing of various publications, anthologies, educational materials etc.,
 - b) Preparation of radio and television broadcasts, compilation of websites in cooperation not only with Slovak, but also with international partners
- Awareness-building and educational activity.

Mainly:

- a) educational activity for schools, citizens, state service authorities and local self-governing authorities, entrepreneurs and other subjects,
- b) organising of courses, conferences, cultural, artistic, sport and social events etc.
- c) support of participation in educational, cultural, artistic, sport and social events etc.,
- d) support of study stays, scholarships and scholar exchanges.

4. ACTIVITY REPORT

4.1. Demands by Iniciatíva Inakosť to Slovak politicians

On 19 January 2009 Iniciatíva Inakosť invited all political parties in Slovakia and particularly the government coalition parties and parliament parties to respect the resolution by the European Parliament and to take practical steps to its implementation. The basis for such efforts can be found in the text of a mass comment submitted by Iniciatíva Inakosť, which has been characterized as the suitable starting point for further expert discussion and legislative work by such experts as the State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic Anna Vitteková and Head of the re-codifying commission preparing the new Civil Code, prof. JUDr. Ján Lazar, DrSc. The text of the mass comment and further information are available at the following web site www.inakost.sk.

4.2. Iniciatíva Inakosť has met with the Public Defender of Rights

On Tuesday 20 January 2009 took place meeting of Iniciatíva Inakosť representatives with the Ombudsman, Mr. Pavel Kandráč.

The subject of the meeting were the options for eliminating the discrimination of same sex couples in the Slovak Republic also in the context of the Report on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union 2004-2008, which has been adopted by European Parliament on 14 January 2009 and where the European Parliament appeals to those member states which have not yet done so to apply the equality principle and adopt legislative steps towards removing all discrimination against some couples on basis of their sexual orientation.

In that meeting, Pavel Kandráč said that he will respond to the Report on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union and that in the near future he will formulate his statements and recommendations for adopting the provisions to remove discrimination of couples on basis of their sexual orientation in Slovak Republic.

Representatives of Iniciatíva Inakosť have also informed the Ombudsman about the mass comment by Iniciatíva Inakosť to legislative intent of new Civil Code. This document demands the inclusion of registered partnerships of two same sex persons by the citizens in the revised Code.

4.3. Iniciatíva Inakosť met with President Gašparovič

On Wednesday 21 January 2009 at 3 p.m. Iniciatíva Inakosť participated in the New Year meeting of the President of the Slovak republic Ivan Gašparovič with representatives of non-governmental and non-profit organisations. In that meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Slovak Republic for

Knowledge-Based Society, European Affairs, Human Rights and Minorities Mr. Dušan Čaplovič was also present. Iniciatíva Inakosť was represented in the meeting by the chairman of its Administration board Mr. Július Kolenič.

The President of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gašparovič expressed his personal opinion about the demand to adopt a legislative modification regarding cohabitation of same sex couples different from institute of marriage.

Chairman of the Administration board of Iniciatíva Inakosť Július Kolenič asked the President of the Slovak Republic to use the influence of his constitutional function and that of his public persona to pressure the Government of the Slovak Republic and the National Council of the Slovak Republic to remove all discrimination of couples on the basis of their sexual orientation and to enable them to live fulfilling and dignified lives in a bond legally recognized by the state. He further emphasized the necessity of continued public presentation of consistent attitudes by public and constitutional officials in matters concerning fundamental human rights.

4.4. Internet campaign supporting registered partnerships

On 16 February 2009 Iniciatíva Inakosť started an Internet campaign supporting the adoption of the Act on registered partnership of same sex couples.

The campaign took the form of promotion banners, which appeared for several weeks on select Slovak web sites. The content of both visuals (female and male couple) was designed as answers to an implied question "Why do you seek the adoption of an Act on registered partnership?". After clicking on the banner, the Internet users were redirected to the website www.inakost.sk, where they found detailed information about life partnership, the insufficiency of notarial agreements, further answers to frequently asked questions and related links on the subject. The website also contains instructions for supporting Inakosť activities.

4.5. Open letter of Inakosť to presidential candidates

23.2.2009 Iniciatíva Inakosť appealed by means of an open letter to presidential candidates to express their opinion regarding respect of sexual minority rights. By this letter we request their answers to 8 included questions.

Our goal was to determine value priorities and principles held by candidates, which will inform our recommendations to our supporters, homosexually oriented fellow citizens, their relatives and friends.

The open letter was sent to all candidates for the office of the President of the Slovak Republic and together with their answers to the questions posed, it was

passed on to news agencies, press and electronic media during presidential campaign.

4.6. Iniciatíva Inakosť asks bishop Baláž for apology

On 24 February 2009 Iniciatíva Inakosť asked bishop Baláž to apologize to homosexually oriented people for his statement in which he according to the information published by SITA agency on 24 February 2009 said that homosexuals are perverse people. According to Baláž it is a nonsense to let homosexuals act as foster parents. "Who allowed us on the basis of natural law to deform the future of a child" he asked. He emphasized that a child is a human being with a right to dignified life. "A perverted human, will pass on his perversion. Who will be responsible for that." he said.

We would like to inform the bishop that homosexuality is no perversion but minor sexual orientation which exists since the beginning of the human kind; it doesn't reduce human qualities of the person. Homosexuals too have the right to a dignified life.

One can only agree with the recent declaration by the European Parliament, according to which discriminating statements by leading representatives of social and political life aimed against homosexuals encourage hostility and violence. The statement demands criticism by relevant authorities. A bishop of the Catholic Church is an important representative of social life. Therefore we think that he shall consider his words more sensitively and to call for love instead of hostility. And he should apologize for this statement, insulting to all homosexuals including those who are members of the Catholic Church.

4.7. A Campaign of Iniciatíva Inakosť: Support the registered partnership by sending an e-letter to politicians!

Iniciatíva Inakosť appealed to people who want to help themselves, their families, friends, colleagues or simply those with an open mind and heart to send Slovak politicians an electronic letter from our web site. Addressees were members of National Council of the Slovak Republic, Members of European Parliament, members of the Government of the Slovak republic and the President of the Slovak republic.

4.8. Press conference of Iniciatíva Inakosť with Ján Bryndza (finalist of Big-brother) and his partner Roberto Bryndza (Great Britain)

On Wednesday 25 March 2009 a press conference of Iniciatíva Inakosť with Ján Bryndza (finalist of Big-brother) and his partner Robert Bryndza (Great Britain) took place with the following programme:

- Slovakia is not providing sufficiently obligatory transposition and application of the Directive of the European Parliament and Council 2004/38/EC on the right of Union citizens and their family members to move and occur freely within the area of member states.
- On 7. November 2008 in London Ján Bryndza concluded the registered partnership with his long-term partner Robert Sutton. They both agreed to use a shared surname Bryndza. Nevertheless, they are discriminated as couple in Slovakia.
- Ján Bryndza supports the campaign of Iniciatíva Inakosť endorsing adoption of the act on registered partnership of two same sex persons in Slovakia.
- Iniciatíva Inakosť informed about the ongoing e-mail campaign in which citizens send e-mails to members of the National Council of Slovak republic, to members of the European Parliament, members of the Government and the President of Slovak republic with a request to legalize registered partnership in Slovakia.

4.9. Inakosť appealed to the Government to criticize violence in Russia and to introduce a National day against homophobia in the Slovak republic

Iniciatíva Inakosť on 17 May 2009 welcomed statement by the Ombudsman of the Slovak republic, Mr. Pavol Kandráč who in his Report for the year 2008 called on the National Council of the Slovak republic and the Government to pay attention in their further activity to the problem of equality of "LGBT" (lesbians-gays-bisexuals-transsexuals) and transgender persons also on the level of legislative action.

In connection to the forced suppression of a gay and lesbian parade in Moscow, Iniciatíva Inakosť criticizes this police intervention as inadequate and tampering with fundamental human rights. Inakosť appeals to the Government of the Slovak republic to criticize this and similar actions and under the umbrella of the fight against discrimination to establish 17 May as the National day against homophobia in Slovakia.

4.10. Gays and lesbians, vote for the European Parliament

23.5.2009 Iniciatíva Inakosť appealed to gays and lesbians to attend the election to the European Parliament which took place on 6 June 2009.

The European Parliament plays an important role in the formulation of European value principles based on respecting human rights, rights of all minorities and non-discrimination. It is therefore important to use the opportunity to express one's opinion, to affect the make-up of this important institution and to support electorals success for those with a real chance and guarantying positive development of European Union in this area also in the future.

4.11. Bratislava remembers Stonewall

The 40th anniversary of this milestone in the fight for freedom of LGBT people was celebrated in Slovakia on Friday, 3 July 2009 with the event "Bratislava remembers Stonewall". The event was organised by Iniciatíva Inakosť in coordination with the British embassy; it involved the screening of the movie *Before Stonewall* followed by a public discussion about human rights. The Embassy expressed its support to the LGBT community also by hanging a rainbow flag from its seat (see picture), which is a historical first among foreign but also domestic institutions in Slovakia.

The British ambassador Michael Roberts who provided his auspices for the event, explains: "Herewith we express our full support to all who provide meaningful exercise of human rights as it is stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Celebration of diversity is not about the propagation of a certain registered style. It deals more with propagation of respect for basic human rights and about most basic democratic principles."

Amnesty International Slovakia was a partner organisation of the event, which was enhanced further by the speech of Keith Eddins, chargé d'affaires of USA Embassy. An important guest was also Clare Dimyon, an activist who communicated greetings from Gay Pride organizers to Slovakia from other European countries and also from Angela Eagle, the openly lesbian British minister.

4.12. Say NO to homophobia in Lithuania!

On 14 July 2009 The Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas) adopted an act punishing those who speak about gays and lesbians in public in front of children. Homosexuality and bisexuality shall not be discussed by teachers in schools or by media that could be viewed or read by young people. Such censorship enables the rise of homophobia, i.e. groundless fear and hatred towards homosexuals.

Iniciatíva Inakosť on 26 July 2009 expressed its solidarity with young people in Lithuania and criticized adoption of the act in an EU member state. Together with Amnesty International, ILGA-Europe and other organisations it considers this act a violation of one of basic human rights, the freedom of speech.

Iniciatíva Inakosť invited the Slovak public to become involved: to address Slovak members of the European Parliament and ambassadors (SR in Lithuania and Lithuanian in SR) to publicly criticize the suppression of freedom of speech that has been adopted in Lithuania. It can be done easily by means of an electronic letter from the web site www.inakost.sk

4.13. Public opinion research

As part of the Iniciatíva Inakosť project "Path to a law on registered partnership" the FOCUS, s.r.o., a survey agency carried out a public opinion survey on a representative sample of citizens of the Slovak republic - 1039 persons, 2-8 September 2009.

This research confirmed the results from June 2008, i.e. that public opinion has significantly shifted towards acceptance of the adoption of an act on registered same sex partnership. In September 2009, there were more supporters of the act than opponents.

Adoption of the act on same sex partnership would be "definitely supported" and "rather supported" by 45 % of respondents ("definitely opposed" or "rather opposed" added up to 41 % and 16 % don't know).

Research also repeatedly proved that the public doesn't have reservations about the actual content of the act. Regarding the following rights and obligations that a same sex couple shall have, i.e. two gay men or two lesbians living as a couple the "yes" or "rather yes" answer came from the following percentages of respondents:

- Access to information about medical condition of partner – 72 % respondents,
- Right for off-day in work by death of partner for providing of funeral – 71 % respondents,
- Right to nursing benefit during care for sick partner 61 % respondents,
- Right to day-off if partner requires accompaniment to doctor – 57 % respondents,
- Right to mutual inheritance – 56 % respondents,
- Possibility to establish undivided co-ownership – 56 % respondents,
- Mutual maintenance duty among partners – 51 % respondents (only 29 % answered surly not or rather not),
- Right for spousal pension for deceased partner – 45 % respondents (only 37 % answered surely not or rather not),
- Right for tax benefits – 43 % respondents (only 39 % answered surly not or rather not).

Another result of research is approving of de facto state of Slovak society concerning perception of same sex couples in various social situations. September research also in this area confirmed results from previous year and a half. Majority of society would rather not mind or surely wouldn't mind if:

- they met homosexual couple in shop – 75 %,
- they meet homosexual couple in café – 74 %,
- it would be written spoken in media about cohabitation of homosexual couples 69 %,
- on company party or company ball a co-worker would invite his/her same sex partner – 62 %,

- in neighbourhood would live female – lesbian couple – 60 %,
- in neighbourhood would live male – gay couple – 59 %,
- on family party would come homosexual couple – 54 %.

Public opinion researches approve during long-term that Slovak society is prepared for adoption of an act on same sex registered partnership as it is now in most of EU states.

4.14. Inakosť in radio: Who is afraid of registred partnership

On 10 September 2009 was on Slovak Radio on the radio station Slovensko 1 sent a broadcast Contacts on subject same sex registered partnerships.

4.15. Slovak Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

During 30 September – 4 October 2009 will be performed Slovak Gay and Lesbian Film Festival organized by Iniciatíva Inakosť with huge support of volunteers. Festival can be without any doubt described as the best in its history. It was 8th year of festival of this kind, first took place in 1995 in Tajov and it was first gay-lesbian film festival in post-socialistic countries.

Slovak Gay and Lesbian festival 2009 projected 13 full-length movies, 4 documentary movies, 1 dance movie and 16 short movies. Quality selection of movies enabled festival to address really wide audience and to fill auditoriums. Festival was performed in film club 35 mm at FTF VŠMU on Svoradova street 2 in Bratislava. One of organizer's intents for next year is to move the festival in bigger area.

22 projections have seen 1975 viewers while maximum possible visit rate given by number of projections and cinema capacity corresponds to number 2110. From 22 projections, 13 were overfilled. Gratifying is that within this number are included also sold out projection of Slovak movies.

Viewers in voting after each projection decided that winning movie of the festival is Swedish romantic comedy *Patrik 1,5* directed by Ella Lemhagen. Movie has been included in the program of festival aftermath in Palace Cinemas v Aupark.

This year was special also on grounds of support which it has gained. On one hand festival has been patronaged by Zuzana Krónerová who in the opening event greeted viewers and remained that she likes otherness because it forms more interesting world. Festival was supported by personal attendance also representatives of partner embassies: Sweden, Norway and Netherlands to introduce movies from their countries.

Additional events of festival was exhibition Homosexuality and Art 1800-2000 in Photoportgallery on Grösslingova 21 and also play Zlomatka by Astorka theatre in which shines Zuzana Kronerová in role of a mother who decides to cure homosexuality of her. Play can be further found in program of theatre. Within festival took place also Public discussion on same sex life partnership which was presented by Július Kolenič.

4.16. Public discussion about registered partnerships

As side event of Gay and Lesbian Film Festival 2009 on Saturday 3 October 2009 at 3 p.m. in small hall of FK 35 mm - FTF VŠMU on Svoradova street 2 in Bratislava i.e. 1 hour before start of the "Suddenly, Last Winter" took place public discussion on the subject same sex registered partnerships. It was third Public discussion on this subject organized by Iniciatíva Inakosť (first organised Iniciatíva Inakosť in October 2008 and second in 2009).

4.17. Inakosť in radio: On subject of registered partnerships

On 7 October 2009 was on Slovak Radio on the radio station Slovensko 1 sent a broadcast Contacts on subject same sex registered partnerships. In the broadcast discussed the sociologist Sylvia Porubänová and for Iniciatíva Inakosť Július Kolenič.

4.18. Leader of Iniciatíva Inakosť Július Kolenič is a co-founder of a new political party

On 12 October 2009 has been on the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak republic registered new political party Zelená vlna (Green Wave) which co-founder is also leader of Iniciatíva Inakosť, Július Kolenič.

Iniciatíva Inakosť welcomes this step and expresses believe that human rights will not be treated as secondary.

Political party Zelená vlna presented to public its program and goals on press conference on Wednesday, 11 November 2009.

4.19. Inakosť in radio: Gays and lesbians in families

On 11 November 2009 was on Slovak Radio on the radio station Slovensko 1 sent a broadcast Contacts on subject gays and lesbians in families. In have

broadcast discussed psychologist Mária Chaloupková and for the Iniciatíva Inakosť Július Kolenič.

4.20. Inakosť v radio: Art and homosexuality

On 11 November 2009 was on Slovak Radio on the radio station Slovensko 1 sent a broadcast Night pyramid on subject relation between art and homosexuality. In the broadcast have discussed theatre and movie actress Zuzana Krónerová, art historian Jana Matulová, and for Iniciatíva Inakosť Július Kolenič.

4.21. Inakosť criticize Slota's homophobe words

Leader of one of Slovak ruling parties, Ján Slota, few days ago publicly offended again. He called homosexuals disgust, according to his words "relationship of two beardy men is unaesthetic and unethical." (TV JOJ, 29 November 2009).

4 December 2009 Civic association Iniciatíva Inakosť criticizes these offensive words. Inakosť appealed to Mr. Slota as a politician to bigger responsibility in public statements and to full respect of human rights. It requires from Mr. Slota public apology to homosexual minority in Slovak Republic for this statement.

Inakosť responds to Mr. Slota:

Your homophobe words establish hostile humiliating environment for considerable minority in our country – for lesbians, gays, bi and trans people plus their families and friends. Your words tease and humiliate, negatively affect human dignity.

It is very concerning if public official (which you are) support with his statements intolerance and discrimination. In Slovakia of the 21st century such statements doesn't belong.

To love is human right, whether with or without beard, whether is your partner of other or same sex.

5. WROTE ABOUT US

5.1. SME ONLINE 21.1.2009

Ombudsman was asked for help by representatives of gays and lesbians

BRATISLAVA. Civic association Iniciatíva Inakosť asked Public Defender of Rights Pavel Kandráč for help by realization of the content of the European Parliament appeal which lately addressed the member states in relation to discussing of report on situation regarding elementary rights to prevent discrimination of same

sex couples through legislative steps. TASR informed about it today PR assistant of the Office of the Public Defender of Rights Zuzana Štukovská.

"Ombudsman identifies with an opinion that exactly this appeal opens space for discussion about understanding of equality stated in the Constitution" she said. Culmination according to Public Defender of the Rights could be possible legislative adjustments in the sense of international documents which Slovak Republic has adopted.

Štukovská also alerted that Public Defender of the Rights has never made difference between the citizens. "He protects fundamental rights and freedoms of all regardless on sex, race, skin colour, language, faith and religion, political or other opinions, origin, affiliation to nationality or ethnical group, property, gender or other status."

At the Office of the Public Defender of the Rights hasn't been delivered since its establishment any Iniciatíva in which applicant would object discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation.

5.2. SITA 21.1.2009

Inakosť discussed with Mr. Kandráč about discrimination of homosexuals

BRATISLAVA 21 January (WEBNOVINY) - Ombudsman Pavel Kandráč on today's meeting with representatives of Iniciatíva Inakosť promised that he will soon formulate his attitude towards declaration of European Parliament dated on 14 January by which it appealed to EU member states to remove from legislation discrimination of the same sex couples. Kandráč further committed himself to recommend adoption of provisions to remove remaining discrimination of same sex couples on the grounds of sexual orientation. Representatives of Iniciatíva Inakosť informed the Public Defender of the rights about the mass comment to legislative intent of new Civil Code in which they demand to include institute of same sex registered partnership. Agency SITA informed Chairman of the Administrative Board of Iniciatíva Inakosť Július Kolenič.

5.3. TA SR 17.2.2009

They want to remove false threat label from bonds of gays and lesbians

Bratislava 17 February (TASR) – Iniciatíva Inakosť which fights for rights of Slovak gays and lesbians has started web campaign for support of the act on registered same sex partnerships. Campaign shall inform people and remove false threat label from same sex bond. In Slovakia according to Inakosť live many lesbian and gays couples whose relationships are not inferior.

"Despite it they have to or must not in comparison to heterosexual majority. Enacting of registered partnership would remove this discrimination. It will harm nobody but it can help many people" justified in the report for TASR Ján Benec, member of Inakosť.

Campaign shall run in form of advertising banners which will be presented during few weeks on several Slovak internet sites. After clicking people will be redirected on the web site www.inakost.sk where they can learn more about the event for people with non-heterosexual orientation.

Inakosť reminds that during 2,5 years of validity of the act on registered partnership in Czech Republic, this possibility have used more than 700 homosexual couples. Divorce rate of gays and lesbians is in the Czech Republic according to them lower than divorce rate of heterosexual marriages.

According to Focus research on representative sample from 2008 in Slovakia for example 54.5 % of questioned agreed that gays and lesbians would establish co-ownership. With access to information about the medical condition agreed 64.2%. Right to mutual inheritance approved more than 58%.

Members of Inakosť also remind that homosexuality used to formerly reject more than half of the questioned. During the last year The research of European values has shown that today it rejects approximately 32% of people.

Campaign is a part of Inakosť project called The road to act on registered partnership. It is provided by grant from the Open Society Foundation co-financed from Financial mechanism of European Economic Area, Norwegian financial mechanism and from the state budget of the Slovak Republic.

Main mission of the Iniciatíva Inakosť is protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of citizens with non-heterosexual orientation and their positive publicity.

5.4. SITA 23.2.2009

They have addressed presidential candidates with rights of sexual minorities

BRATISLAVA 23 February (WEBNOVINY) - Iniciatíva Inakosť addressed via an open letter presidential candidates to express their opinion to respecting of sexual minority rights. "Our goal is to detect value priorities and principles of candidates that will be the basement of recommendations for our fans, homosexually oriented fellow citizens, their relatives, and friends" stated Chairman of the Administrative Board of Iniciatíva Inakosť Július Kolenič. He added that in Slovakia exists a significant segment of citizens for which are answers to eight questions a principle of their life quality. Besides other presidential candidates shall answer the question if the cohabitation of two

homosexually oriented people deserves legal adjustment or if they will support adoption of and act on registered same sex partnership Iniciatíva is also curious if they are elected for president of the Slovak Republic what specifically would they do for improving of situation of gays and lesbians in the country. Iniciatíva Inakosť expects answers until 5 March and flowingly they will inform public about them. Iniciatíva Inakosť is civic association which goal is protection of human rights and basic freedoms of persons with homosexual orientation.

5.5. SME ONLINE 25.2.2009

Homosexuals demand from bishop Baláža apologize

BRATISLAVA. Iniciatíva Inakosť demands from bishop Rudolfa Baláža to apologize to people with homosexual orientation for the statement that homosexuals are perverted people.

According to Baláža it is nonsense to let children be raised by homosexuals. "Who allowed us on basis of natural law to deform future of the child," he asked during homily on the Mass. He emphasized that child is a human having right to dignified life. "If it is a perverted man, he will give him his perversion, which shall be responsible," he said.

"We would like to alert bishop that homosexuality is not perversion but minor sexual orientation which exists fro the very beginning of the manhood and in no way it decreases the said individual right for dignified life. Also homosexuals have right to dignified life said in the statement Chairman of the Administration Board of Iniciatíva Inakosť, Július Kolenič. He reminded later statement of the European Parliament according to which discriminating remarks of leading representatives of public and political life aimed against homosexuals encourage hostility and violence and therefore applicable authorities shall criticize them.

"Bishop of catholic church is an important representative of public life. Therefore we think that he shall more sensitively consider his words and appeal more to love than hatred. And above all he should apologize for his insulting statement to all homosexuals including those who are members of catholic church," emphasized Kolenič.

5.6. SME ONLINE 25.3.2009

Iniciatíva Inakosť appeals via e-mail to support registered

BRATISLAVA. Iniciatíva Inakosť alerts members of the National Council of the Slovak Republic, members of European Parliament, members of the

Government and president of the Slovak Republic for demand of equalization of homosexual partnerships through registered partnerships. Everybody who cares is encouraged to send from the web site www.inakost.sk (section Campaigns - Appeals) e-mails to competent persons.

Number of electronic letters shall remind addressees on the highest public positions that Slovak society is already prepared for adoption of registered partnership. "We have started the campaign without medialization. Despite it during two weeks citizens sent from our web site 250 e-mails," he said on today's press conference Július Kolenič from Inakost. As he added, politicians will receive this letters until they will understand that in Slovak Republic live significant number of citizens for whom is registered partnership fundamentally and until the law is adopted.

Electronic letter appeals politicians to take all necessary steps aimed to legislative adjustment of registered partnership. "It is the law which enables to two persons of same sex to register their relationship in front of the applicable state for solution of everyday matters and ensures respecting of basic human right for full-valued and dignified life," states the letter. Iniciatíva emphasizes that also homosexuals have to pay taxes and work for the benefit of the whole society and therefore they should have same legal certainties. As base for adoption of required act could be text of mass comment which Inakost submitted to Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic in September 2008 by preparation of new Civil Code.

Current Slovak legislation discriminates also same sex couples which have registered their bond abroad.

An example is participant of reality show Ján Bryndza who has settled in London. In November 2008 he concluded in Great Britain registered partnership with long-term partner Robert Sutton. "While in Britain we are treated as any heterosexual couple, by visit of Slovakia we are seen as two independent foreigners," said Ján Bryndza. I am sorry that Slovakia is in this regard behind conservative Britain or catholic Spain. Ján's partner Robert added that also Brits were at first sceptical but than they have understood that there are bigger problems than homosexual partnerships.

About gaps in Slovak legislation says also national expert Zuzana Zajíčková, who assessed if the Slovak legal adjustment is in accordance with European directive on rights of Union citizens and their family members to move and live without restrictions within EU states. Law of the Slovak Republic defines marriage as bond of man and woman, registered same sex partners considers as two independent foreigners. It discriminates them by application for residence permit – in accordance with our act for EU citizen may prove amount of income his/her spouse, by registered couples have to prove the income each by him/herself.

5.4. SITA 7.9.2009

Patroness of Slovak Gay and Lesbian Festival 2009 is Zuzana Kronerová

BRATISLAVA 7 September (WEBNOVINY) – Slovak gay and lesbian Film festival 2009 which will be held from 30 September until 4 October in Bratislava's club 35mm by VŠMU patronages famous Slovak actress Zuzana Kronerová. "Why I have chosen to support this festival? Question should be rather: Why not? Different view, different opinion, different feeling always inspired me, intrigue me, enrich me. If we were all same world would be less interesting, less colourful – simply gray and boring, and maybe even worse. Otherness shifts the world forward," she explained her decision. Organizational team from Iniciatíva Inakosť have prepared four sections with more than 30 full length movies and short movies from seventeen countries of the world including Slovakia which will be projected in two cinema halls.

SeSection New century presents 10 full length and 9 short movies shot during last 10 years most of which Slovak cinemas haven't presented yet. Audience will see in international premiere Irish comedy *Fur Coat and No Knickers* from theatre (gay) environment of Dublin but also this year Canadian smash of LGBT festivals *The Baby Formula* (2008) about lesbian couple which undergoes scientific experiment and "conceives" biologic baby. Subject of homosexual parenthood dominates also in Swedish family comedy *Patrik 1,5* (2008). Slovak premier will have at this event Argentine thriller *The Fish Child*, second full length movie of the director Lucie Puenzo. Already for her first full length movie *XXY* (2007) she has won several awards from film festivals in Cannes, Edinburgh or Montreal. In section will be projected also story of first love and disappointment *Presque rien* (2000) and *Naissance des pieuvres* (2007) which is sensitive study of teenager feelings which for the first time face cruelty and tenderness of falling in love, for the first time they are confronted with desire bordering with obsession.

Program block *Golden Found* (of L&G cinematography) will bring five titles which write history of gay and lesbian cinematography. There is *Desert Hearts* (1986) which until today belongs to key reference piece of work of "lesbian cinematography". On programme is also very first British openly dealing with homosexuality *Nighthawks* (1978) and its further episode, document *Nighthawks II - Strip Jack Naked* (1991). Triple of *Golden Found* gay movies encloses *Stonewall* (1995), feature film about action of American police against homosexuals from 28 June 1969 in eponymous gay club in New York, Greenwich Village. Audience can see also the movie of Magyar director Károly Makk *Egyvmásr nézve* (1982) with Jozef Kroner in additional role which shows atmosphere of lack freedom, fear and closing of eyes in post-revolution Hungary at the end of 50ties of last century.

Section *Gay Slovakia* is focused mainly on production of The Film and Television Faculty absolvent's. Among presented will be Viktor Csudai and his two movies - *Ružový partner* (Pink partner) (2006) and full length debut *Veľký rešpekt* (Big respect) (2008).

6. ECONOMY

6.1. Revenues: 46 397 €

6.2. Costs: 51 127 €

6.3. Profit/loss: 4 922 €

Loss in amount of 4 922 € will be settled from profit of previous years.