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Our Ref. PR 485/2009 (TR/dh)

The Right Honourable Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

September 29th, 2009

Russian Resolution on Traditional Values as a basis for Human Rights – 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

Dear Mr. President,

The Brazilian Lesbian, Gay and Trans Association – ABGLT – is a national network of 220 lesbian, gay, trans and other human rights organizations, the purpose of which is to defend and promote the citizenship of these segments of the population. ABGLT is also active on the international scenario and enjoys United Nations Economic and Social Council consultative status.

As such, we are aware that Russia has tabled resolution seeking to promote “traditional values” as a basis for human rights at the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Experiences in other countries along these lines, such as the “back to basics” policy promoted by the Conservative government in the United Kingdom in the 1980s, make it clear that the purpose of the proposed Russian Resolution is none other than to restrict access to human rights by those segments of society who, from the conservative viewpoint, do not follow or do not fit into “traditional values”.

Suffice it to see the blatant human rights abuse practiced by the Russian government against LGBT people during the last three attempts to hold LGBT Pride Marches in Moscow, including politicians from other nations being beaten by the Russian police, to understand the conception of human rights based on traditional values to be proposed by Russia at the 64th UN General Assembly Session.

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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed precisely by the United Nations Organization, is “universal” because human rights are indivisible: the equality of rights of all persons, without distinction, is the very foundation of the Declaration. We cannot admit that an attempt be made to turn into reality Orwell’s satirical view that “all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others”, in this case, the followers of “traditional values”.

In the light of the above, we hereby request that Brazil vote against the approval of the proposed Russian Resolution, or at least abstain, thus maintaining its international policy and reputation as a defender of the universality and sovereignty of human rights.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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