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Dear Mr. Waxman:

Thank you for your letter of February 7 regarding the International Lesbian and Gay Association's (ILGA) application for consultative status with the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

We welcome the participation of NGOs in UN activities and are committed to working with them to fight discrimination. Under Section 102(g) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, the Department is required to certify annually that no UN agency or UN affiliated agency grants official status, accreditation, or recognition to any organization that promotes, condones or seeks the legalization of pedophilia or which includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization. The U.S. voted to deny ILGA consultative status with ECOSOC because of its past affiliation with the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), which helped found ILGA and remained a member for ten years. ILGA's past affiliation with NAMBLA raises a serious question whether we can make the requisite certification for ILGA.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey T. Bergner".

Jeffrey T. Bergner
Assistant Secretary
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The Honorable
Henry A. Waxman,
House of Representatives.