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PES LGBTI Ministerial Network statement on Chechnya

The PES LGBTI Ministerial Network denounces the reports of imprisonment, torture and even apparent killings of gay men in Chechnya. According to reports from a Russian newspaper, more than 100 gay men have been arbitrarily detained, beaten and tortured in the autonomous Russian region.

The abuse, torture, and killing of these men perceived to be gay or bisexual add to a climate of fear and homophobia led by Chechen authorities are unprecedented in scale and must end.

We unreservedly condemn violence or mistreatment of any kind towards anyone for who they are, particularly on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

We further condemn these human rights abuses in any circumstances whatsoever and call on the Chechen authorities to investigate these reports immediately and deal with them accordingly.

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