

Republic of North Macedonia

Ministry of Labor and Social Policy

- Cabinet of the Minister -

Dear Mr. Miguel Chambel

As a Minister of Labor and Social Policy in the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, I am pleased to inform you and your Intergroup on LGBTI Rights that the Law on Prevention of and Protection against Discrimination is already in process and the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia is expected to discuss it at the next session.

Our commitment to creating a society that offers development and prosperity, but also significant progress towards EU integration, especially in the area of democracy, the rule of law and respect for fundamental rights, is at the top of our priorities.

Therefore, immediately in the very first week of taking the office, we submitted the Law on Prevention of and Protection against Discrimination into procedure and I hope that the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia will vote on it very soon. I would like to inform you that the law was submitted in a parliamentary procedure is the same form as the previous legal solution which was approved by national experts and NGO activists, and was praised by the Venice Commission, the United Nations, the European Union and the OSCE-ODIHR.

Finally, thank you for the congratulations for our recent successful parliamentary elections and I hope that in the future we will have a fruitful and successful cooperation.

With respect,

Minister agoda Shahpaska