

# Joint Statement on the Occasion of IDAHOT Day

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27 Embassies in Romania have signed a joint statement on the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia in Romania.



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## **Joint Statement on the occasion of the IDAHOT Day: International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia in Romania**

Bucharest, 17 May 2020 – On the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, we express our solidarity with all persons in Romania, who are discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and sex characteristics.

LGBTI persons continue to face discrimination, violence and stigmatization all around the world. Our countries seek to combat such discrimination by promoting human rights for everyone. This respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and dignity obliges governments to protect all citizens from violence and discrimination and to ensure that all people enjoy equal treatment and equal opportunities.

We believe that only when diversity is appreciated and supported can a

country achieve its full potential. The current COVID-19 pandemic does not allow groups or individuals to gather for festivals and marches, but we reaffirm on this day our full support for the peaceful fight for the cessation of all forms of discrimination and violence, including on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and sex characteristics.

**The joint statement is issued by the embassies of: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and the European Commission Representation in Romania.**

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