

# **ALIANȚA FAMILIILOR DIN ROMANIA**

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The Honorable Robin Barnett  
Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Bucharest  
Str. Jules Michelet 24  
Bucharest  
Romania  
Via electronic delivery and facsimile transmission  
40-21-201-7299

Re.: Note of Protest Regarding the British Embassy's Support for Romania's 2010  
Gayfest Event

Dear Ambassador Barnett:

We are the Alliance of Romania's Families, a profamily and prolife civic organization.

We learned that last week you joined with 9 other foreign ambassadors accredited to Bucharest in a Joint Declaration in support of Romania's 2010 Gayfest event. You also attended and spoke in the homosexual parade on Saturday, May 22, 2010, thereby extending the legitimacy of your position and office to the event. We write to express our deep disappointment and disapproval of your action. We respectfully deem your signing of the Declaration as well as participation in the actual event as an affront to Romania, its culture, and its citizens. It also is an affront and a humiliation for the thousands of Romanians who live and reside in the United Kingdom as loyal citizens.

Until recently, homosexuality was virtually unknown in Romania and its culture and almost entirely alien to its vocabulary. It always has been and continues to be viewed as an immoral lifestyle by the overwhelming majority of Romanians, both in Romania and abroad. The most recent poll taken in Romania on this subject showed that 91% of Romanians reject homosexuality. Please respect our feelings on this highly controversial subject and desist from taking judgmental positions. We do not believe it appropriate for the UK Ambassador to lecture the people of Romania on the subject of homosexuality or any aspects of their culture, for that matter. The signing of the Declaration reflects cultural hegemony for which there should be no place in the relations among nations.

On a related subject we inform you that we are aware that your Government and the

British political parties have taken up the matter of gay rights, transforming it into a policy to be pursued both at home and abroad. This subject came up, in fact, during the recent British electoral campaign as well. We are also aware that the British Foreign Office has made it part of its mission abroad to promote homosexual rights. We have read with astonishment and revulsion statements by Britain's political leaders about intending to dispatch high ranking UK officials to different countries of Eastern Europe to combat "homophobia." We resent this display of cultural neo-colonialism and hegemony and respectfully request that it cease.

On the other hand we are shocked reading that in the UK pastors are arrested because they preach that homosexuality is a sin; that Christians are sacked at work because they refuse, based on their rights of conscience, to perform same-sex unions or counseling; that children are disallowed to refer to their parents in schools as "mum and dad" so that children raised in homosexual households will not be offended; that children are indoctrinated into homosexuality; that the family as an institution has collapsed; that social decay is destroying England; that church-run adoption agencies are closed or fined because they refuse to place children for adoption with homosexual couples, again based on freedom of religion and freedom of conscience. Even so, we believe it would be inappropriate for Romania, especially at the official level, through its Ambassador in the UK or other high ranking officials, to pass judgments on these unfortunate aspects and shortcomings which currently confront British society.

We close by affirming that we respect your position and office. We love the people of the United Kingdom and feel much affinity with them based on our shared Christian values and principles. We also appreciate the tremendous contribution they have made throughout the centuries in promoting God's grace and message of hope around the world. At the same time, however, we must also ask, respectfully, that in the future, you, subsequent ambassadors, and the UK Embassy in Bucharest refrain from supporting or abetting homosexuality in Romania.

Very truly yours,

  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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