

# **ALIANȚA FAMILIILOR DIN ROMANIA**

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The Honorable Petr Dokládál  
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Re.: Note of Protest Regarding the Czech Embassy's Support for Romania's 2010  
Gayfest Event

Dear Ambassador Dokladal:

We are the Alliance of Romania's Families, a profamily and prolife civic organization and represent the moral positions and values espoused by hundreds of thousands of Romania's families.

In May 2010 you joined with 10 other foreign ambassadors accredited to Bucharest in a Joint Declaration in support of Romania's 2010 Gayfest event. We write to express our deep disappointment and disapproval of your action. We deem your signing of the Declaration an affront to Romania and its citizens, an inexcusable interference in their domestic matters, and an infringement upon their popular and national sovereignty.

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, therefore, respect our feelings on this highly controversial subject and desist from taking judgmental positions.

Romanians do not take positions on moral issues confronting Czech society and reasonably expect the Czech Ambassador to reciprocate. We do not believe that it is appropriate for the Czech Ambassador to lecture Romania on the subject of homosexuality or any aspects of its culture for that matter. The signing of the Declaration reflects cultural hegemony on the part of the Czech Embassy for which there should be no place in the relations among nations.

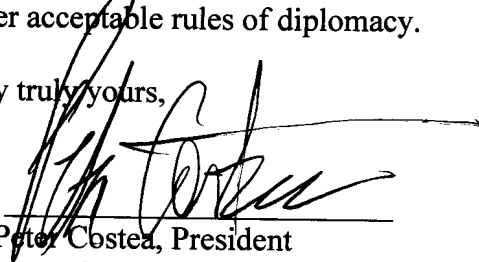
In 1968 when the Warsaw Pact countries invaded Czechoslovakia Romania refused to join in the invasion. On the contrary, it condemned it and publicly expressed solidarity with the people of Czechoslovakia thereby imperiling its own national sovereignty. As you can then imagine, we were rather unpleasantly surprised that 42 years later the Czech Republic would violate our national sovereignty and offend us. For hundreds of years the people of Romania and the Czechs and Slovaks were close and faithful friends, in good times and in bad. We did not deserve, therefore, to be affronted by this gesture of the Czech Embassy. While your Embassy may have scored points with a handful of Romanians, you have lost points with the very many Romanians who have or will become aware of the Joint Declaration and are asking themselves, in bewilderment, why the Czech Embassy would so offend them.

The role of an embassy is to link nations at the official governmental level, not to circumvent basic rules of diplomacy and take positions on the moral issues of the host country. We believe, therefore, that the Czech Embassy erred and respectfully request a letter of apology or retraction.

We close by affirming that we respect your position and office. We love the people of the Czech Republic and feel much affinity with them based on our shared history and Christian values and principles. We also appreciate the great contribution they have made throughout the centuries in promoting culture and hope around the world.

At the same time, however, we must also ask, respectfully, that in the future, you, subsequent ambassadors, and the Czech Embassy in Bucharest refrain from supporting or abetting homosexuality in Romania. Please limit your and the role of your Embassy to what is proper under acceptable rules of diplomacy.

Very truly yours,

  
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