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End the atrocities against LGBT-people in the Chechen Republic

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Noting that:

- Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta reported on the 1st of April that a mass arrest of homosexuals has taken place in the Chechen Republic
- Murders, torture and locking people up in “concentration camp -like facilities” have been reported in the wake of the mass arrests
- The alleged crimes have been officially denied, but unofficially confirmed by Chechen authorities
- No investigation has yet taken place or been called upon

Considering that:

- The Chechen Republic is a republic of the Russian Federation and the President of the Chechen Republic, Ramzan Kadyrov, is backed by the Kremlin
- We have during the last few years witnessed the growth of oppressive Islamic ideals in Chechnya
- The Chechen society can not be deemed safe for LGBT-people today
- President Kadyrov claimed “it is impossible to persecute those who are not in the republic”, denying that the events took place yet detaining hundreds of innocent civilians on the same grounds

IFLRY calls upon:

- Russia to acknowledge the crimes that have taken place and immediately put an end to the situation
- Russia to, in cooperation with the international community, investigate the alleged violations of human rights in Chechnya
- The Chechen authorities to let the victims free and grant them the freedom of leaving the republic in search of refuge
- An end to the atrocities committed by the Chechen authorities and those responsible to be put trial for their crimes

Source: <https://www.novayagazeta.ru/articles/2017/04/01/71983-ubiystvo-chesti>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-39566136>