

URGENT ACTION

UGANDA ANTI-HOMOSEXUALITY BILL NOT PASSED

The Ugandan Anti-Homosexuality Bill has not been passed. Parliament completed its business on 13 May 2011 without discussing the bill.

If passed, the Anti-Homosexuality Law would have entrenched discrimination and hatred against those who are, or who are believed to be gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. The law would have introduced the death penalty for the offence of “aggravated homosexuality”. It would have punished those who do not report violations of the bill’s provisions within 24 hours, and criminalized the “promotion” of homosexuality.

Parliament convened on 13 May 2011, but was officially declared dissolved with no legislative business discussed. New Members of Parliament will be sworn in next week following general elections in February 2011 and a new Parliament will be convened.

Amnesty International will continue to monitor the situation very closely.

Thank you very much to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested

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