



The Honourable
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Dear Minister BOFFERDING,

We hereby confirm receipt of your correspondence dated 27th, December 2018 and we would like to thank you for taking the time to reply to us.

Referring to your letter, received as reply to our initial correspondence and our questions associated with gender and parental inequality and discrimination of fathers in Luxembourg courts could you please further advise how should we understand your reply regarding the approach the Ministry of Equality between Women and Men takes with regards to Equality between Women and Men.

We also would like to ask again to correct information continuously presented on your website informing the public about "Shelters for women, girls, women with children and men". Your website lists 10 shelters in Luxembourg of which none is for men and that is very clear if you read the list. Calling the list as above is incorrect and misleading.

We have met with InfoMann as it has been suggested to us and indeed there are 7 studio apartments in entire Luxembourg that under specific conditions could accept men for a short period of time but these places are not fit for men seeking for asylum with their children or for men looking for help being a victim of domestic violence.

Ministry's confirming the inaccurate information is being provided on the website and then the explanation provided that it is that way because the website has not been yet updated due to the change of the government in December 2018 is highly worrying if not disturbing



considering we have the same government as in the last 5 years.

Furthermore, we have been advised by the Ministry that a new project is currently worked out with the Luxembourg Red Cross Association in cooperation with Riicht Eraus. The project is called "HOLD" and it is specifically dedicated to "Male Perpetrators of Domestic Violence".

Since the project is so gender specific and considering that 1 out of 3 victims of domestic violence are men do we understand correctly there is also a separate project dedicated to "Female Perpetrators of Domestic Violence"? If not, we find promotion of such activity discriminatory and highly inappropriate further adding to the profound misrepresentation of facts and promotion of bias insinuation communicating that men are the only cause of domestic violence and women are the only victims of it.

Respectfully,

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