## **Diplomatic Community Pride 2024 Statement**

As friends and partners of Slovakia, we are honored to support the LGBTQI+ community and Pride events across the country, from Banská Bystrica and Trnava, to Bratislava and Košice. Pride serves as a poignant reminder that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and of the fact that everyone, regardless of who they are or whom they love, deserves the same respect, dignity, and equality in the enjoyment of their human rights.

We support Slovaks in their efforts to guarantee that all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, are able to fully enjoy their human rights and fundamental freedoms. International and regional instruments on human rights, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights, and the Charter of the Fundamental Rights of the European Union, ensure the promotion of universal respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and stipulate that all are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination. These principles compel all of us to work toward equal treatment for everyone. This includes members of the LGBTQI+ community.

Hate-motivated violence and attacks, including the tragic 2022 Tepláreň attack, loom large in our collective memory. We continue to condemn all forms of discrimination and violence, reaffirming our commitment to defending the rights of every person, no matter who they are or whom they love.

We stand firm against attempts to undermine these rights, understanding that our collective prosperity and security are rooted in the inclusion and protection of all. Today, we send a clear message: everyone deserves to live authentically and without fear. We will continue to advocate for peaceful and inclusive societies where love and respect prevail.

To the LGBTQI+ community in Slovakia and beyond, we stand shoulder to shoulder with you, unwavering in our support.

## Signatories

- 1. Embassy of the Republic of Albania
- 2. Embassy of Australia
- 3. Embassy of Austria
- 4. Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium
- 5. Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria
- 6. Embassy of Canada
- 7. Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus
- 8. Embassy of the Republic of Colombia
- 9. Embassy of the Czech Republic
- 10. Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark
- 11. Embassy of the Republic of Estonia
- 12. Embassy of the Republic of Finland
- 13. Embassy of the French Republic
- 14. Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
- 15. Embassy of the Hellenic Republic
- 16. Embassy of the Republic of Iceland
- 17. Embassy of Ireland
- 18. Embassy of the State of Israel
- 19. Embassy of Japan
- 20. Embassy of the Republic of Latvia
- 21. Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania
- 22. Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- 23. Embassy of the Republic of Malta
- 24. Embassy of Montenegro
- 25. Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- 26. Embassy of New Zealand
- 27. Embassy of the Republic of North Macedonia
- 28. Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway
- 29. Embassy of the Portuguese Republic
- 30. Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia
- 31. Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain
- 32. Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden
- 33. Embassy of Switzerland
- 34. Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- 35. Embassy of the United States of America
- 36. Embassy of Ukraine

- 37. European Commission Representation in Slovakia
- 38. European Parliament Liaison Office in Slovakia
- 39. Wallonia.be & Wallonia-Brussels International in Slovakia
- 40. Taipei Representative Office, Bratislava
- 41. General Delegation of Flanders
- 42. EIB Group Office in Slovakia
- 43. Matúš Vallo, Mayor of Bratislava
- 44. Matej Vagač, Mayor of the City District Bratislava-Old Town
- 45. Juraj Droba, Governor of Bratislava Region
- 46. Slovak National Center for Human Rights Team and its Executive Director, Silvia Porubänová
- 47. British Council in Slovakia

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