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TALBA GHAL PERJODU TA' KONSULTAZZJONI DWAR IL-BILL TAL-UGWALJANZA 2026

Aħna koalizzjoni ta' organizzazzjonijiet tas-soċjetà ċivili, flimkien ma xi NGOs, qed nappellaw lill-Gvern biex minnufih jistabbilixxi perjodu xieraq ta' konsultazzjoni pubblika dwar il-Bill tal-Ugwaljanza ppubblikat fis-7 ta' Lulju 2026. Din hija liġi ta' importanza kbira li tolqot id-drittijiet fundamentali, l-ugwaljanza, il-protezzjoni kontra d-diskriminazzjoni u aspetti kostituzzjonali. Ma tistax tithaffef.

L-abbozz kif emendat ġie ppubblikat biss ftit jiem ilu. Mhuwixx raġonevoli li nistennew li l-NGOs, l-istakeholders u l-pubbliku jkunu jistgħu janalizzawh, jikkonsultaw b'mod serju u jipproponu emendi fi żmien ftit jiem.

Jekk il-Gvern kellu xhur biex iħejji u jikkonsulta, allura s-soċjetà ċivili u l-Parlament għandhom jingħataw l-istess opportunità raġonevoli.

Il-konsultazzjoni matul l-istadju tal-Kumitat tasal tard wisq. F'dak l-istadju l-klawsoli u l-emendi diġà qed jiġu deċiżi.

Għalhekk nitolbu li l-istadju tal-Kumitat jiġi differit sabiex isir proċess miftuħ u serju ta' konsultazzjoni mal-NGOs, l-istakeholders u l-pubbliku, u sabiex il-kontribut tagħhom jiġi rifless kif xieraq qabel il-votazzjoni fil-Parlament.

Nappellaw lill-Gvern biex jippromwovi u jilqgħa l-konsultazzjoni.

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALL FOR A CONSULTATION PERIOD ON THE EQUALITY BILL 2026

As a coalition of NGO's and civil society organizations, we are calling on Government to immediately institute a proper period of public consultation on the Equality Bill published on 7th July 2026.



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This is a legislation of major importance that affects fundamental rights, equality, protection against discrimination, and constitutional principles. It cannot be rushed.

The amended draft was only published days ago. It is not reasonable to expect NGO's, stakeholders, and the public to analyze it, consult it meaningfully, and propose amendments in just a few days.

Government had months to prepare and consult. Civil society and Parliament must be given the same reasonable opportunity.

We note that many of us wish to engage both with Government and with Parliament. But consultation during the Committee Stage comes too late. By then, clauses and amendments are already being decided.

A serious, open and transparent process is essential for a law of this nature. The Committee Stage should therefore be deferred to allow time for proper consultation with NGO's, stakeholders, and the public, so that their input can be properly reflected before the Parliament votes.

We urge the Government to promote and consider this consultation,

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