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Discrimination based on [...] sexual orientation may undermine the achievement of the objectives of the EC Treaty, in particular the attainment of a high level of employment and social protection, raising the standard of living and the quality of life, economic and social cohesion and solidarity, and the free movement of persons.

Employment Equality Directive, recital 11

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appl. application number(s)

COM documents of the Commission of the European Communities

Directive (the) Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing

a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occu-

pation (the Employment Equality Directive)

EC European Community, European Communities, or Treaty Estab-

lishing the European Community

ECHR Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental

Freedoms (the European Convention on Human Rights)

ECJ Court of Justice of the European Communities

ECR European Court Reports

ECSC European Coal and Steel Community
ECtHR European Court of Human Rights
EEC European Economic Community

EU Charter European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights

Euratom European Atomic Energy Community

ILGA International Lesbian and Gay Association

LGB lesbian, gay and/or bisexual

OJ L Official Journal of the European Communities (L Series)
OJ C Official Journal of the European Communities (C Series)

para. paragraph(s)