

Ministry of Interior

Date: 24 July 2017

Your Excellency Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs, Minister
of State

With reference to the Prime Minister's letter ref. no. (51/12/4/A/31430) dated 11/07/2017, and enclosed a copy of the speaker of the House of Representatives' letter ref. no. (3/15/57/2463) dated 20/06/2017, and enclosed inquiry no (877) dated 18/06/2017 submitted by MP Dima Tahboub.

I would like to show your Excellency the following:

Firstly:

The Jordanian State is very keen on respecting the principles of Islamic faith, and that what was emphasized by the Jordanian Constitution in the editorial of its articles that Islam is the religion of the country. Also, the provisions of the Jordanian civil law are in line with the provisions of Islamic law (Sharia), jurisprudence and custom, which, all together, form the sources of Jordanian legislation. Accordingly, Jordan has not and will never endorse any charter or protocol acknowledging homosexuals – known as LGBT community – or granting them any rights as it is considered a deviation from Islamic law and Jordanian Constitution, and that any initiatives by those who have sexual deviancy are violating the provisions of Islamic religion and the general system.

Secondly:

As for permitting this group to hold any activity or to establish organizations or associations that represent them, the government did not permit such actions. And according to the act of effective meetings, holding any activity or gathering, the organizer must notify the administrative governor, which has never happened and will never be tolerated.

Thirdly:

The government will not be lenient in applying the provisions of the law, maintaining the security and public order, preserving the Arabic and Islamic values and customs, and the virtues of morality, and thus prosecute all those who prove that they have violated it.

Respectfully yours,,,

Minister of Interior
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