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## **Theological and Canonical Commission at the Holy Synod of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church makes public its resolution on abortions and same-sex marriages**

On 21 January 2010, the Theological and Canonical Commission at the Holy Synod of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church made public its Resolution on abortions and same-sex marriages. The document is timed to the session of Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) due to take place later in January to consider discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

The resolution says the PACE drafts imply to impose an extensively distorted concept of marriage. The resolution condemns propagation of homosexuality as a fancy way of life because it undermines the foundations of family relations which are an integral part of relations in society. Using slogans to protect the rights of people "with nontraditional sexual orientation" as a cover," – the document of the Theological and Canonical Commission at the Holy Synod of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church underscores, – "their advocates have set up a background in society which largely discriminates natural marital relations of men and women." Putting a homosexual marriage on the same level with a conventional one is a conscious destruction of fundamental public morals providing a basis for a global demoralization of society.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church presented her vision of the issue in the addresses to the President, Prime Minister, to the leaders of the Verkhovna Rada, and to other Ukrainian statespersons.

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