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## CALL FOR SUPPORT

On July 21st, the members of the Organising Committee of the Belgrade Pride held a press conference to announce BELGRADE PRIDE 2009 - IT'S TIME FOR EQUALITY.

You may recall that the first and last attempt to hold a Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade in June 2001, ended in what we from the lesbian movement named Massacre parade: when around a thousand young male fascists gathered to beat us up. They made it impossible to hold any of the scheduled activities: 40 persons were injured, and the lgbtiq community was held hostage by fear for many years afterward.

We the activists have long been asking ourselves, "Is it time?, are we ready?" and finally this year, new people came and said "YES!" Lots of activities, and many negotiations with police and the Ministry for Human Rights, are underway to secure a peaceful parade. The Mayor, who was once one of the leaders of the student protests anti-Milosevic, is against the parade!

We obviously need many of us to be here!

We invite you all to come and join us on Sunday, the 20th of September!

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