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Dear SFC Supporter,

I have pleasure in enclosing the minutes of the final SFC meeting for 1996 and hope you find them informative.

Since that meeting asked for a special discussion on prostitution, we've decided to hold a big event at the Conway Hall in Red Lion Square, London WC2, at 3pm on Sunday 19th January. Please do come along to support us.

This will be a chance to discuss all the issues, and will be our launch of <u>Prostitution Pride</u> and of our petition <u>Sex Please</u>, <u>We're British</u> (with a <u>Sexual Freedom Bill</u> proposed).

Before that, I should remind you of the <u>Stallions Night of Nostalgia</u> SFC benefit, which is certain to be sold out and we advise you to purchase tickets in advance. Another flyer is enclosed.

Two other dates for your diaries: The Stripper of the Year semi-finals on Wednesday 29th January (£9/£7 concs) and The Sex Maniac's Ball on Thursday 20th March (£15), both in London, tickets in advance from the Leydig Trust at the above address.

Many of you promised to send press cuttings and news of local busts etc., but very few of you are doing so. We rely on you for this. Also, we'd like to see more fund-raising at Clubs on our behalf. Phil has collected £1 from each guest, and suggests that what clubs should do is raise the price by £1 and then send the SFC a cheque.

Seasons Greetings and thanks for your support

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## **AGENDA**

Provisional Agenda for 7th Plenary Meeting of SFC
Wednesday 22nd January

at 8pm sharp at The Hope (upstairs Wine Bar)
15 Tottenham Street, London W1
(20 feet behind Goodge Street Tube).
Please bring this and the minutes with you.

- (1) Introductions, briefly around the room
- (2) Minutes of the last meeting
- (3) REPORTS: Secretary and Treasurer
  - (a) Socials and fund-raising
  - (b) Consultation with cops, customs, etc.
  - (c) Newspaper Consenting Adults
  - (d) Prostitution Group & Pride
  - (e) National Petition SEX PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH
  - (f) Other reports, ideas, inspirations
- (4) Date of next meeting

I enclose a draft summary of our proposed Sexual Freedom Bill which will be integral to the National Petition.

#### SCF Rally

On Sunday, 19th January 1997, at 3pm sharp at the small hall in Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1, the SFC will be publicly launching both our Petition and Prostitution Pride 97. Media are invited and please do come. The Prostitution Group (which has attracted several very bright and courageous prostitutes) will be there and speakers include Ted Goodman, Helen Buckingham, and Tuppy.

See you at the Stallions Benefit Night on 30th December! With seasonal greetings,

Tim

# **SEXUAL FREEDOM BILL**—Summary of draft

This bill will enable consenting adults in the United Kingdom to conduct their sexual activities free from outside interference and to have freedom of expression regarding sexual and religious matters, in the same way as citizens of other member States of the European Union.

It will abolish all laws surrounding prostitution, make the legal age of consent for homosexuals the same as heteros, abolish all censorship and allow any consensual sexual behaviour in private between adults. Sex shops and striptease will no longer require licences.

#### **Amendments to Laws**

Offences Against the Person Act 1861 including Section 47 actual bodily harm), add words "Consent shall be a defence to this offence."

<u>Sexual Offences Act 1956</u> buggery repealed; gross indecency legalised in private; causing prostitution repealed; immoral earnings repealed; control over prostitutes repealed.

<u>Licensing Act</u> brothel keeping repealed and provision for consenting adults to consume alcoholic beverages when copulating commercially.

<u>Protection of Children Act (1978 c.37) The word "indecent" be</u> replaced by the word "obscene" so that innocent photos of bare babies and naturist family photos are not illegal; throughout the Act, add the words "for gain" inserted after the word "possession".

<u>Telecommunications Act (1984 c.12)</u> delete the words "an indecent, obscene" so consenting adults have a moral right to communicate by telephone.

<u>Video Recordings Act (1984 c.39)</u> censorship is repealed; "being in sex shops for which licences are in force under the relevant enactment" is deleted.

<u>Cinemas Act (1985 c.13)</u> removing censorship of films and local authority censorship over cinema clubs.

<u>Criminal Justice Act 1988 (1988 c 33) (as amended by the Criminal Justice Act and Public Order Act (1994(c.33)</u> "indecent" is substituted by "obscene" and censorship is repealed.

### Act (or parts thereof) to be Repealed

Disorderly Houses Act 1751

#### Sect 42 Customs Consolidation Act 1876

<u>Section 11(b)</u> <u>Post Office Act</u> which criminalises correspondence between consenting adults.

Obscene Publications Act 1959

Obscene Publications Act 1964

<u>Sexual Offences Act 1967</u> legalising homosexuality involving more than 2 persons, procuring homo-sexuality, immoral earnings and brothels

Theatres Act 1968 (1968 c. 54) allowing obscenity and ceasing censorship

<u>Section 53. Criminal Law Act 1977</u> restricting freedom of expression. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, restricting freedom of expression

<u>Part II Sec 2 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982</u> which prohibits unlicensed sex-shops

Section 25 Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 (1984 c.46) which restricts freedom of expression.

<u>Section 27 Local Government Act 1988</u> which prohibits local authorities promoting homosexuality and has resulted in some municipal libraries fearing to stock books on the subject, thus violating freedom of expression.

<u>Part IV Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1994</u> which criminalises computer pornography.

Sections 162 & 163, 177, 178 & 179 and Schedule 15 Broadcasting Act 1990 (1990 c.42) which prohibit programmes about sex.

Section 108 (1) (b) and (c) and Section 109 Broadcasting Act 1966 which prohibits sexual programmes.

### Common Law Offences to be Abolished

Blasphemous Libel, Blasphemy, Conduct calculated or intended to corrupt public morals, Conspiracy to corrupt public morals, Conspiracy to outrage public morals, Keeping a Disorderly House, Obscene Libel, Outraging public decency, Public exhibition of indecent activities. pictures or things.