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Dutch court outlaws pedophile association Martijn, says it breaches values

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THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A Dutch court has outlawed a pedophile association, saying its promotion of sexual contact between adults and children breaches the country's generally accepted values.

The civil court in Assen ordered the association, called Martijn, to immediately be dissolved.

The court said in a statement Friday that Martijn is a threat to public order because it “glorifies sexual contact (between adults and children) and presents it as something that should be normal and acceptable.”

It is not clear how many members Martijn has. The association did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment on the ruling.

Prosecutors who sought the ban said they were satisfied with the court's ruling, saying it helped the Netherlands meet its international commitments to protect children from sexual predators.

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