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## 7b3

- Internal motion
- Resolution
- Amendment

**Title: Resolution to keep the Dutch government from imposing financial cuts to basic grants and changes to public transport rules**

Point of the agenda: **7b**

Proposed by: LSVb & ISO

Seconded by: DSF

Text:

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1 ESU calls upon the Dutch government not to persist with its proposed  
2 abolishment of the grant system and the changes the government  
3 wishes to make on the regulations concerning public transport for  
4 students. Laying the burden upon students is not a way to fill up  
5 budget deficits. The accessibility of higher education will be in danger  
6 if these plans are carried through. Future generations of Dutch  
7 students will be unjustly indebted by the proposed loan scheme and  
8 changes in the regulations on public transport for students.

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10 Because of the basic grants (€266 per month) for every Dutch  
11 student, higher education (although including tuition fees of  
12 approximately €1800 per year) is fairly accessible. Now that the  
13 government has plans to discard these grants, more students will  
14 have to take loans to complete their studies. Eventually they will end  
15 up with great debts, or will not start their studies because of the fear  
16 for these debts. These debts will further increase when public  
17 transportation will cease to be free for students. Also, with expensive  
18 public transportation, the shortage on housing for students in every  
19 city will increase even more because there will be more demand. The

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20 students will not only see their transportation costs rise immensely,  
21 but also their choice of studies, universities or even the choice to  
22 study at all, that will be severely influenced by the changes to public  
23 transportation for students.

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25 Education is an investment in society and the Dutch government has  
26 to realise that it is important that every student has the possibility to  
27 be a part in this investment. These proposed cuts are a clear  
28 violation of the Dutch signatory status of ICESCR, whereby the Dutch  
29 government agreed to strive for "*the progressive introduction of free*  
30 *education*".

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Passed:    **YES**                    **NO**

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