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**7b8**

Internal motion

Resolution

Amendment

Title\_Appropriate and affordable housing for all students

Point of the agenda\_7b\_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by:\_fzs\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by:\_FEF, ISO, NUIS, ÖH, UDU, UNEF, UNEL, VSS-UNES-USU

Text:

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1 Finding an appropriate and affordable housing has become a major  
2 challenge for students in Europe. In times of growing student mobility,  
3 the students' need for flexible changes of their place of living has  
4 increased and still increases rapidly.

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6 The housing that is available in many places does not meet the actual  
7 demand. Lots of students do not have a place to stay in at the  
8 beginning of a term, some of them do not even manage to find one  
9 during the term, and of those who have one many are forced to  
10 spend huge parts of their income for this reason, or else live in a  
11 place that is inappropriate. This leads to a further social selection  
12 among students. The opportunity to study must not depend on being  
13 able to afford accommodation.

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15 Students do not need first-class investment opportunities or  
16 privileged apartments, students need to have a reasonable place of  
17 living – both in terms of price and properties of the respective house.  
18 Especially in this market segment, housing is needed but not  
19 sufficiently supplied, and the problem exists mostly in university cities.  
20 Instead of offering low-priced housing and giving all students the

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21 possibility to afford an appropriate place to stay in, more and more  
22 houses are offered for high-prices as "investment opportunities".

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24 In many countries, this is among others due to the fact that public  
25 social housing projects have been terminated or had their budgets  
26 cut. Housing, though it has seldom been seen as a solely public  
27 responsibility, has meanwhile turned into a private-only business, and  
28 objects attractive to investors are usually those to be found in a high  
29 price range.

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31 ESU calls for the EU institutions to implement a social European fund  
32 guaranteeing student mobility including housing. European  
33 institutions should also encourage countries to develop policies of  
34 rent regulations in private areas.

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36 Indeed, we call upon the respective, mostly national and local  
37 democratic institutions to regard housing as a public responsibility  
38 and a public task. Social housing projects need to be revived and an  
39 appropriate and affordable housing must be secured. Students must  
40 be eligible for renting apartments of social housing without regard to  
41 their nationalities.

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43 Therefore, ESU calls for concrete measures concerning student  
44 housing, and special policies regarding students' rents regulations.  
45 These policies must fit students' realities and needs, that are based  
46 on differentiated criteria and that would ensure fair rent prices. They  
47 must serve students' need to change their place of living flexibly.  
48 Students' needs for housing are different than the rest of the  
49 population, so should be the regulations.

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Passed: **YES**      **NO**

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