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- Internal motion
- Resolution
- Amendment

Title: **LGBTQ rights in Ireland**

Point of the agenda: 8c

Proposed by: USI

Seconded by: NUS UK, SYL, NSO, SHI, IGLYO, FAIRe, SAMOK

Text:

1 A referendum to confer full civil marriage rights and equality
2 to same-sex citizens in Ireland will be held no later than the
3 spring of 2015.

4 It has also been proposed to bring forward legislation which
5 would allow same-sex couples to be considered as guardians
6 and adoptive parents.

7 USI will also be campaigning for LGBTQ citizens to be
8 entitled to act as blood donors.

9 The inequalities imbedded in our social fabric brought about
10 by these issues cause ongoing difficulties for LGBTQ citizens
11 within our education system, giving rise to bullying and
12 discrimination.

13 In line with ESU's commitment to equality for all citizens,
14 social justice and human rights, ESU resolves to support
15 campaigns for full marriage equality, the right to adopt and
16 the lifting of the blood donation ban for same-sex citizens in
17 Ireland.

18 Furthermore, ESU stands in solidarity with NUS-USI in
19 condemning the actions of the Northern Ireland Health
20 Minister Edwin Poots, for his continued stance on the blood

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21 donation ban and the bringing of a legal challenge against
22 the right of same-sex couples to adopt.

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

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