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Title Solidarity with LGBT people

Point of the agenda **8c**

Proposed by: LSS

Seconded by:

On the 5th of May the Baltic Pride rally, specifically the March of equality, was banned by the Vilnius District Administrative Court. The Baltic Pride March should have taken place on the 8th of May 2010. LGBT Pride events are demonstrations against homophobia, discrimination and inequalities. The tradition is based on the Christopher Street event in 1969 at which LGBT people gathered to defend their rights for the first time.

To persecute people based on their sexual orientation is to violate their fundamental human rights. Banning LGBT Pride events deny people of their right to assembly, the right not to be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation and the right to actively promote diversity. We want to express our solidarity with LGBT people discriminated both in this way and in all parts of their everyday life.

ESU understands that the march will now go ahead. However this march will go ahead with a capped number of protesters. This is undemocratic. ESU and members unions should make it clear to the Lithuanian government that this is unacceptable.

ESU also promotes that protests, such as street marches, are a basic human democratic right.

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ESU believes that all LGBT people and students have the right to take part in LGBT Pride Marches as this allows citizens to express their beliefs in the ideal of equal rights and freedom from discrimination.

ESU believes that the courts should revoke the decision to cap the numbers of protesters and give people a chance to demonstrate against inequality in their country as is their democratic right.

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

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