**Committee:** The Human Rights Council

**Topic:** The Question of the LGBTQ+ Rights

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*THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,*

*Deeply concerned* by the rise in western ideology being forced upon Member States who do not share the same belief system and the erasure of national sovereignty,

*Reaffirming* that sexuality is not a protected characteristic within the UN Declaration of Human Rights and as such should not be treated as one because treatment of sexuality as a protected characteristic contradicts multiple religious beliefs, and as religion is a protected characteristic, its integrity should be prioritised over sexuality,

*Recognising* the need for basic laws of protection for LGBTQ+ citizens if they do not erode a nation’s heritage and culture,

*Declaring that* sexuality is a domestic matter and as such each member state should be free to enforce their own differing laws concerning its treatment within their nation,

1. *Urges* all Member States to legalise homosexuality:
2. Asking that Member States who refuse to comply provide sufficient justification to the General Assembly;
3. Noting that Member States who refuse to comply should not be subjected to economic ramifications such as sanctions;
4. *Calls**for*the creation of a United Nations Special Committee for the Protection of National Sovereignty and Cultural Heritage (UNSCPNSCH) to protect the national sovereignty of Member States and ensure that Western Ideology is not forced upon non-Western countries by:
5. Ensuring laws passed by the UN concerning LGBTQ+ rights do not detract from the integrity of existing protected characteristics such as religion, which are central to the cultures of many Member States;
6. Allow citizens of Member States to vote to decide if their nation will adhere to guidance or laws from the UN concerning LGBTQ+ rights;
7. Ensure the UN equally represents and considers the voices of Member States which may disagree with certain laws concerning LGBTQ+ rights on the grounds of erasure of cultural heritage:
8. Such member states should not be subject to demonisation or hate speech within the UN or within wider global society;
9. *Requests* the implementation of a delayed age of consent for same-sex sexual activities:
	1. To be two years behind the pre-established age of consent within each Member State to protect children from Western influences on their choice of sexual partner;
10. *Recommends* the establishment of fundamental rights for those in same-sex relationships, including:
	1. The right for gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals to serve in the armed forces.