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## **Bill C-38 will institutionalize two classes of children**

**Montréal, Tuesday, June 14, 2005. If adopted, Bill C-38 will institutionalize a new social norm that deprives some children of either a biological father or a biological mother, thus creating a new class of children: parent-deficit children. This change contravenes articles 7 and 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.**

Article 7 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that a child «shall have... as far as possible, the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents»(1), that is, his/her mother and father. Marriage between a man and a woman guarantees this two-fold right while marriages between two men or two women clearly cannot.

Article 3 of the United Nations convention on the rights of the child insists that governments give the rights of children primary consideration: "In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration."(1) The driving consideration behind Bill-38 is the recognition of adult homosexual rights. Bill C-38 makes no representation as to the rights of children to a father and a mother within these new unions.(2) On the contrary, it ignores them.

According to Louis DeSerres, Preserve Marriage's national coordinator, « Bill C-38's adoption will create a new class of children deprived of the protections accorded by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. »

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(1) Convention on the Rights of the Child, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. <http://www.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm>

(2) 1<sup>st</sup> Session, 38<sup>th</sup> Parliament, HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA, Bill C-38