

# PRESERVE MARRIAGE

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## FRANCE REJECTS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE TO PROTECT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Considering the rights and best interests of children, a 30 member parliamentary commission of the French National Assembly has recently rejected same-sex marriage.

Referring to the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), it states that « to systematically give preference to adult aspirations over respect for these rights is not possible any more. »

In its 453 page *Report on the Family and the rights of Children*, the commission reminds us that « the child represents the future of society. » The commission asks legislators to make sure that « children, confronted with mutations in family models, be fully taken into account and not suffer from situations imposed upon them by adults. » It adds: « The interest of the child must take precedence over adults' exercise of their freedom [...] including with regards to parents' lifestyle choices. »

According to *Preserve Marriage – Protect Children's Rights*, based on the best interests of the child, our Canadian Parliament must re-evaluate the definition of marriage in light of these new developments.

The Montréal based national movement invites Members of Parliament from all parties to quickly start reviewing the definition of marriage by giving priority to the rights of the child, as France has done.

Preserve Marriage has prepared a factual 2 page summary of the French report, available at:

<http://www.preservemarriage.ca/eng/links.htm#FRANCE-REPORT>

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