

**Statement from the Alliance for the Defence of the Family and Marriage
[ADFAM]
on the Ruling of Tuesday, July 16, by the Grand Chamber
of the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg,
that the Refusal by Finland to recognize same-sex “marriages”
does not violate the European Convention on Human Rights**

ADFAM [Alliance for the Defence of the Family and Marriage] welcomes the ruling of July 16, by the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg, that the refusal by Finland to recognize same-sex “marriages” does not violate the European Convention on Human Rights.

It is very significant that the Grand Chamber has pointed out that the European Convention on Human Rights ‘enshrines the traditional concept of marriage as being between a man and a woman.’

Also of significance is the Grand Chamber’s judgement that applicants can’t claim ‘that there exists any European consensus on allowing same-sex marriages’, given that only 10 member states of the European Union recognize such unions, and the majority of countries recognize marriage as a union between one man and one woman. At present there are 27 states in the European Union.

This statement from the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg shows up how weak the legal case for same-sex “marriage” is, and how much it is based on ideology, backed by uncritical media, and latched on to by political parties in an unprincipled scramble for votes anywhere they think they can find them. It is a case of groupthink gone mad, and the censoring of all those who support marriage as between one man and one woman.

The Alliance for the Defence of the Family and Marriage [ADFAM] formed in Spring 2014. It will be opposing the [General Scheme of the] Children and Family Relationships Bill 2014, a piece of legislation the Government hope to have enacted by Christmas 2014. If enacted, it would permit the adoption of children by non-marital couples, including same-sex couples. The Government doesn’t intend to allow that highly controversial legislation to be put to the vote in next year’s referendum proposal on same-sex “marriage”. ADFAM will be urging rejection of same-sex “marriage” in the referendum that is promised for Spring 2015. ADFAM’s web site is www.adfam.ie

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