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Submitted to The future of civil partnership in Scotland
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No new civil partnerships from a date in the future

1.

Not Answered

If yes, please outline these arguments.:

2.

Not Answered

If yes, please outline these arguments.:

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The extension option

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Not Answered

If yes, please outline your comments.:

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Not Answered

If yes, please outline these arguments.:

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Not Answered

If yes, please outline these arguments.:

Conclusion

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Not Answered

If yes, please outline these comments.:

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Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland reaffirms its view that marriage is a natural, social paradigm which arises from the biological fact of the complementarity of men and women. The European Convention of Human Rights recognises this implicitly in that Article 12 on the right to marry begins "Men and Women have the right..." rather than the formulation "Everyone has the right..." which is used for identifying other human rights.

Those in Government need to be respectfully reminded that a mandate to govern does not include a mandate to reconstruct society on ideological

grounds, nor to redefine the very institution which, from the beginning, has been universally acknowledged as of the natural order and the bedrock of society, namely marriage and the family. Society owes its continued survival to the family, founded on marriage.

Marriage was not instituted by civil society, though civil society saw its importance and defended it through its laws. As an institution, marriage long predates the existence of any state or government.

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Organisation

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Organisation:

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Scotland

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