



## **Item for Agreement of Class Rep Council**

**ITEM NO. 2314-14  
WORLD CUP 2022**

**Proposed by**  
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### **Issue Definition**

The World Cup 2022 is currently taking place in Qatar. There is much controversy surrounding the decision to hold the event here. These controversies fall into 3 main categories. Human Rights violations within Qatar, corruption and bribery & player welfare. This motion will focus on the first of those issues.

There is much controversy surrounding the preparations for the World Cup 2022 event. In particular the building of the stadiums. Many of these were built by migrant workers who were forced to work and in many cases held in modern day slavery. It is estimated that upwards of 1,000 migrant workers died during the construction of the stadiums.

Currently, in Qatar, there are almost no protections in place for LGBTQ+ people. Furthermore many aspects of LGBTQ+ identity are actively criminalised or face a violent backlash. Such as homosexual activity between Men or dressing in clothing deemed to only be for the opposite sex. This in effect makes it impossible for any LGBTQ+ person to safely live in or visit Qatar. Despite commitments from the Qatari government that LGBTQ+ visitors will not face prosecution. Many fans still fear for their safety and therefore feel they cannot attend the event. Of course, this

protection from prosecution and violence does not extend to everyday Qataris living in the country

For women in Qatar, their lives are extremely restricted by the country's laws. They face discrimination & violence in everyday life. They require a man's permission to do most things such as consenting to medical care or travelling abroad. Women are commonly subjected to sexual violence and where they report this they are in many cases prosecuted for sex outside of marriage.

Further reading on this topic:

<https://news.sky.com/story/qatar-world-cup-why-the-2022-tournament-is-so-controversial-from-migrant-worker-deaths-to-lgbt-rights-12731274>

### **Issue Action**

The SU condemns the World Cup 2022 event and the Human rights abuses in it's home country. The SU Exec will lobby Nubar to stop playing the World Cup on their premises. The SU will no longer support controversial events or events hosted by organisations or in locations which do not represent the values of the union.

### **Issue Mandate**

Council notes the human rights violations associated with the World Cup held in Qatar and more broadly, the systemic human rights issues in the host country of Qatar. Council therefore condemns this particular event and its host country's human rights abuses.

Council mandates the president in conjunction with the exec to lobby against showing the World Cup 2022 and other events which go against the views and objectives of DCUSU on the DCU Campuses.

Council further mandates that DCUSU must not support any large-scale public event, which takes place in a location or is undertaken by an organisation that goes against the views and objectives of DCUSU.