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Adoption Act Unconstitutional for Claimant in Same Sex Relationship

The Supreme Court has today ruled that Section 5 (2) of the Adoption Act in Gibraltar violates the Gibraltar Constitution by excluding a claimant in a same sex relationship from applying for an adoption order jointly with their partner.

“As a consequence of this very clear court ruling, Government has already taken steps to amend the legislation and the Care Agency, which is the body that deals with the recommendations for adoption, is reviewing policies to ensure that they are consistent with this decision,” stated Samantha Sacramento Minister for Equality and Social Services.