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Policy Proposal: Accommodation for International Students with Families

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Proposing Student's Name:	Victoria Tanimowo
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Seconding Student's Name	Chisom Ikoku
Student Number:	20015957
Facts: What is the issue you're trying to address? What do we already know about this issue? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation for those with dependents: Many international students who came in this September struggled to get accommodation. Some were told they couldn't be offered the accommodation because they were not British and they have children, even though they had British guarantors.	
Impacts: How does this issue affect students, and in what way? Is it negative? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It affected students psychologically: Many students were mentally stressed because they could not get an accommodation in time, and they couldn't settle down in the University nor focus on lectures.• Cost: Lots of students incurred unplanned costs on hotels and Airbnb.	

- Psychological effect on their children: Many students could not afford to enrol their children in school because they did not have an address. As at this month, some students just enrolled their children in school less than 2 weeks ago and these children already lost time and comfort.

Reacts: What would you like the Students' Union to do to address the issue? How do we need to take it forward?

- To work with the University's accommodation team to sort this out for students coming in January by;
 - Partnering with housing agents to help students with accommodation. Victoria reached out to the accommodation team and international office this semester about this issue and Catherine Hyde referred students to the accommodation team for specific support, but the team did not help. We will like them to actually do more than emails this time because a lot of students regretted coming and are already planning on informing their friends to avoid this University next year.