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Helping to Advance Women and Children

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I would like to draw your attention to some serious matters related to the deliberations occurring at the Commission on Population and Development. To put this in context I need to talk about what happened at last year's CPD deliberations. Last year toward the end of the deliberations a phrase was proposed to the draft CPD resolution calling upon governments to provide "comprehensive education on human sexuality."

We were very concerned as this was a new undefined term and a departure from the traditional "sex education" language used in past UN consensus documents. Our worries were confirmed when just a few months later, UNESCO, in cooperation with UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, and UNAIDS released a draft copy of their new *International Guidelines on Comprehensive Sexuality Education*.

These extremely controversial guidelines were created to drive sexuality education worldwide and promote a theme of sexual pleasure that we have found in a number of UN-published sex education guides. These original UNESCO Guidelines suggest teaching five year olds that they can touch their body parts for sexual pleasure and teaching nine year olds the definition and function of orgasm, and encourage sex educators to teach children that "Both men and women can give and receive sexual pleasure with a partner of the . . . same sex."

UNESCO has since revised their original sexuality guidelines, toning them down quite a bit. However, by reading their original version, you can see what five UN agencies were originally planning to promote to children under the guise of "comprehensive education on human sexuality" before a number of UN Member States complained.

In 2002 at the World Summit for Children, we exposed a UN-published manual for children distributed in Mexico that had a page on how to obtain sexual pleasure including with a person of the same sex, with an animal, with an inanimate object or with a non-consenting person.

And if you are not concerned yet, let me tell you what happened at the 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women this year. At a side event put on by the Girl Scouts in partnership with UNICEF, I picked up this booklet published by the International Planned Parenthood Federation that is directed toward youth that claims to teach them about their "sexual and reproductive rights." The booklet claims these "rights" are recognized by the world as "human rights." It states that the booklet is "here to support your sexual pleasure." It tells youth they can have sex in numerous ways too graphic to repeat in a forum such as this. It is all about sexual pleasure through masturbation, with people of the same sex and even while intoxicated with alcohol.

But even worse, this booklet actually tells HIV-infected youth that laws requiring them to disclose their status with their sexual partners violate their human rights.

This should not be tolerated at the UN or anywhere else! Not now. Not ever.

In December of last year my family adopted three AIDS orphan siblings from Mozambique. Both of their parents had died of AIDS. I cared for their older brother as he suffered in a horrible manner during the last stages of AIDS. Yet materials are being distributed at the UN that would encourage the very behaviors that drive the HIV pandemic.

It is outrageous that this “Healthy, Happy, and Hot” booklet was also distributed to youth who attended the side event at the United Nations sponsored by those who created it.

It is outrageous that UN agencies are promoting sexuality education programs that encourage youth to prematurely engage in sexual activity to obtain sexual pleasure, but it is unconscionable that HIV-infected youth are being encouraged to have sex with anyone they want, any way they want without disclosing their status.

What are we doing here?

Why is it that the draft document being negotiated right now has numerous references to sexuality and sexual rights?

Why is it that the developing countries are being pressured right now by the developed nations in the very document being negotiated at this conference to accept this kind of “comprehensive education on human sexuality” that will prematurely sexualize their children and put them at risk of death among other things, all under the guise of HIV/AIDS education and the empowerment of women and girls.

Why is it that the developed world is trying to import their radical sexual ideologies under the deceptive banner of “sexual rights” or “sexual health and rights” or “information regarding sexual health and rights” or “services and information on reproductive health and rights” or any of the many and multiple references loaded in the document in a deliberate effort to pressure countries to accept these references sometimes late into the night without interpretation in their own languages.

Why is the international community not respecting the sovereign rights and religious and cultural values called for in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and countless other UN consensus documents to maintain their values that uphold the institution of the family?

How is it that the UN has strayed from its original purpose and now deliberations at conferences such as these are obsessed with discussions on sexuality and sexual rights, issues that should be left up to nations to decide for themselves?

Why is it that the issue of abortion also disguised under multiple euphemistic terms is being forced on developing nations against their will? How is it that the term “reproductive health” or “reproductive health services” or “reproductive rights” is now being used by governments

with big pockets to promote the legalization of abortion in countries that are opposed to abortion because they believe it is taking the life of a human being?

Words related to reproduction and reproductive health are meant to imply reproducing, meaning having babies, yet the term has been deliberately manipulated through shadow reports submitted to the UN, materials created by UN agencies and abortion-minded NGOs (many that stand to profit from abortion) and abortion-minded governments who seek to reinterpret or misinterpret any language related to reproductive health to now include abortion, even though many of the UN member states negotiating the documents containing such terms rejected the inclusion of abortion as part of reproductive health when these documents were negotiated.

This manipulation of UN agencies, UN negotiations and outcome documents, UN committees interpreting UN treaties, and agreed language in past UN documents to promote radical sexual rights and abortion against the will or sometimes without the knowledge or complete understanding or consent of UN member states should not be tolerated and must be stopped.

This manipulation of the UN system by individuals and organizations promoting their own sexual agenda and not the collective and unified agenda of all UN member states must cease. All of this push for sexual rights undermines the institution of the family which the Universal declaration of Human Rights clearly states is “the natural and fundamental group unit of society” which is “entitled to protection by society and the State.”

We call upon UN Member States, UN agencies, NGOs and all entities within the UN system to respect the rights, religions and cultural values of all UN Member States in their work at the United Nations and to cease the promotion of abortion and sexual rights through the UN.

Thank you

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