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Submission to the report on gender, sexual orientation and gender identity

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We are deeply concerned that your current and past reports have and will go far beyond the content and scope of your mandate in harmful ways. Specifically, the thrust of your work is not in conformity with the principles as listed in HRC Res 5/1, which require "universality", "impartiality", "objectivity", "non-selectiveness" and a "gender perspective" as understood by States to mean a women's equality perspective and NOT a transgender perspective.

The term "gender identity" does not appear in any binding international agreements negotiated by the full body of UN Member States. Every time it has been proposed, it has been rejected by UN Member States due to its controversial nature.

The terms "gender" and "gender equality" are common terms used throughout the UN system and in multiple UN documents and resolutions adopted by consensus by UN member States to advance the equality of women and girls and were never intended to advance highly controversial transgender policies.

Instead of trying to create special protections for people based on their internal perceptions of themselves, which can change over time, we should enforce existing laws and policies calling for the elimination of violence against anyone.

Girls and women have been extended special protections and rights due to the disproportionate amount of discrimination, harassment and violence that girls and women experience--not because they identify as "girls" or women", but due to the biological reality of being female and the inherent differences between the sexes.

The Independent Expert on SOGI is seeking to implement so-called "comprehensive sexuality education" (CSE) designed to indoctrinate children and mainstream queer theory, an unhealthy belief system that encourages children to disassociate themselves from their biological sex in harmful ways. It should be noted the concepts of "comprehensive sexuality education" and "sexual orientation and gender identity" were specifically rejected from the 2030 Agenda by many UN Member States and that the establishment of this SOGI expert's mandate is a deliberate attempt to override the positions of States opposed to such and coerce them into accepting SOGI rights.

This is a direct assault on the sovereignty of UN Member States and an abuse of the UN system. We are highly opposed to the Independent Expert on SOGI's overstepping of his mandate and reject the underlying assumptions upon which this request for input has been made.

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