

12th March, 2021

Dear Sir,

RE: SUBMISSIONS TO UN SOGI MANDATE HOLDER

Greetings from the Kenya Christian Professionals Forum (KCPF¹),

We are deeply disturbed by what appears to be the end goals of the call for inputs to your thematic report on gender, sexual orientation and gender identity. Please consider our following concerns.

1. Intersectionality, gender theory and queer theory are akin to religious beliefs and should not be the underpinnings for UN policies nor international law.
2. We are greatly concerned that the UN-appointed Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) is now at the forefront of UN efforts to reinterpret the concepts of "gender" and "gender equality" beyond the longstanding understanding of male and female and equality between the sexes which would erase all sex-based rights and protections for women and girls.
3. Historically as well as currently, women/girls have been exploited for their reproductive capacity. The global reality for many women/girls is that they still suffer under enforced gender roles used as justification to exploit their bodies in practices like female infanticide, FGM, child marriages, trafficking, forced pregnancy, forced sterilizations, surrogacy camps, enforced dress codes, corrective rape, lack of access to certain transportation, lack of access to participation in public and political life, etc. The UN can't fight sexism in all of these areas if the category of sex is erased and replaced with "gender identity."
4. Gender identity protection policies operate under the false assumption that people with gender confusion are better off being encouraged to identify as something other than their biological sex. The website SexChangeRegret.com has multiple testimonies from people who have strongly regretted their cross-sex surgeries and who are desperately trying to reintegrate with their biological sex, despite the altered conditions of their body. Some have even had their genitals or breasts removed and become completely infertile in their attempt to become the opposite sex. This is why Dr. Paul McHugh,

¹ KCPF brings together Christian Professionals from various denominations sharing common values on life, family, Education, Religion and Governance; which are our pillars. Our mission is to provide technical grass root support in influencing the development of a legal and social environment that is supportive of biblical values.

University Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Medical School, who once supported and oversaw many cross-sex surgeries, after seeing the end results warned: "... policymakers and the media are doing no favors either to the public or the transgendered by treating their confusions as a right in need of defending rather than as a mental disorder that deserves understanding, treatment and prevention."

5. Most children lose their feelings of gender confusion as they grow older. According to Dr. Paul McHugh, "When children who reported transgender feelings were tracked without medical or surgical treatment at both Vanderbilt University and London's Portman Clinic, 70%-80% of them spontaneously lost those feelings."² However, when children are affirmed in their gender confusion by parents, schools, the community and others, the chance that they will normally outgrow this gender confusion is greatly diminished. Our position is that "gender identity" affirming policies, while well-intentioned, are misguided, because they harm the very children that need our help.
6. "Sex-change" surgery increases health risks, including suicide rates. A long-term Swedish study following more than 300 sex-change surgery patients for up to 30 years was published in 2011. The study concluded: "Persons with transsexualism, after sex reassignment, have considerably higher risks for mortality, suicidal behavior, and psychiatric morbidity than the general population." The study found suicide rates 10 years after surgery were nearly 20 times that of the general population.³
7. A study released in 2019 on school-based CSE concluded that "Worldwide, 87% of the school-based CSE programs that measured effects at least 12 months post-program failed to produce sustained effects on any key protective outcome for the intended youth population. School-based CSE programs outside the U.S. showed a lack of success similar to those within the U.S., with 89% of non-U.S. and 85% of U.S. programs that measured these effects failing to produce them."⁴
8. "Gender identity" non-discrimination policies are one of the greatest threats to parental rights and are putting children and families at risk everywhere. Consider these troubling developments:
 - o CANADA: Canada's most populous province, Ontario, passed a law that could allow the government to remove children from their parents if the parents refuse to affirm their children in the opposite gender.
 - o UNITED KINGDOM: Christian Concern in the UK is defending four sets of parents who are challenging actions taken by schools and social workers to enable their children to "transition" from female to male, or vice versa.

² McHugh, P. (2014, June 12). Transgender Surgery Isn't the Solution. *Wall Street Journal*. Retrieved from https://genderidentitywatch.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/paul-mchugh_-transgender-surgery-isnt-the-solution-wsj.pdf

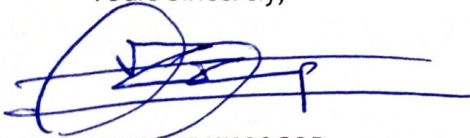
³ Dhejne, C., et al. (2011). Long-Term Follow-Up of Transsexual Persons Undergoing Sex Reassignment Surgery: Cohort Study in Sweden. *PLOS One*, 6. Retrieved from <http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0016885>

⁴ Weed, S., Ericksen, I. (2019). Institute for Research and Evaluation. *Re-Examining the Evidence for Comprehensive Sex Education in Schools: A Global Research Review*. Retrieved from SexEdReport.org

- CHILE: A law was passed allowing children as young as age 14 to identify as the opposite sex if only one parent consents.
- UNITED STATES: In Minnesota a 16-year-old boy who was not living at home decided he was a girl. His school and medical providers began treatment to change his appearance from male to female without the mother's knowledge or consent. The county government even provided financial support for the boy without informing his mother. The mother's attorney calls this "a parent's worst nightmare."⁵
- UNITED STATES: A 17-year-old girl in Ohio was taken from her parents and placed with her grandparents because her parents would not allow her to take transgender hormones. (Transgender hormones can render the girl infertile for life).⁶
- UNITED STATES: The mother of a 7-year-old Texas boy decided to "transition" him to a girl against the father's wishes and sent him to school dressed as a girl and called him by a girl's name. It became a legal battle, and the jury determined the mother had the right to "change" the child's gender, even though the child had never expressed any interest in "transitioning" to a girl.⁷

In conclusion, we are deeply concerned by the Independent Expert on SOGI's overstepping of his mandate and reject the underlying assumptions upon which this request for input have been made.

Yours Sincerely,



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⁵ Thomas More Society. (2017). Thomas More Society Seeks Vindication for De Facto Emancipation of Minor Son. Retrieved from <https://www.thomasmoresociety.org/thomas-more-society-seeks-vindication-for-de-facto-emancipation-of-minor-son/>

⁶ O'Neil, T. (2018, February 15). Ohio Christian Parents Lose Custody of 17-Year-Old Daughter for Refusing Her Transgender Drugs. *PJ Media*. Retrieved from <https://pjmedia.com/faith/ohio-christian-parents-lose-custody-of-17-year-old-daughter-for-refusing-her-transgender-drugs/>

⁷ Judge who ruled on 7-yr-old's gender 'transition' taken off case. (2019, December 6). Retrieved from <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/breaking-judge-who-ruled-on-7-yr-olds-gender-transition-taken-off-case>