



Subject: Submission to the report on gender, sexual orientation and gender identity¹

To Whom It May Concern:

We are deeply concerned that the UN Independent SOGI Expert's present and past reports go far beyond the content and scope of his mandate in harmful ways. The thrust of his work is not in conformity with the principles as listed in Human Rights Council 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 questions listed in the submission guidance by the Independent Expert on SOGI reveal that the main goal of his upcoming report is to change the world's commonly held biological understanding of male and female and replace it with the radical concept of "gender identity." This is in contradiction of the UN's mandate to provide rights and protections to women and girls.

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 because it is too controversial. Furthermore it has been clearly stated by the Bulgarian Constitutional Court that is in violation of the Bulgarian Constitution "the introduction of gender and gender-based identity which will require the establishment of procedures to ensure the legal recognition of non-biological sex"².

The Independent Expert on SOGI is seeking to implement so-called "comprehensive sexuality education" (CSE) designed to indoctrinate children and to encourage them to

¹ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/SexualOrientationGender/Pages/GenderTheory.aspx>

² Constitutional Court decision №13 of July 27, 2018 www.constcourt.bg/bg/Acts/GetHtmlContent/f278a156-9d25-412d-a064-6ffd6f997310

disassociate 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 reject 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.

CSE programs typically contain many, and often all, of 15 program elements listed below that are harmful to children³:

1. Sexualizes children
2. Teaches children how to consent to sex
3. Normalizes anal & oral sex
4. Promotes homosexual/bisexual behavior
5. Promotes sexual pleasure
6. Promotes solo and/or mutual masturbation
7. Promotes condom use in inappropriate ways
8. Promotes early sexual autonomy
9. Fails to establish abstinence as the expected standard
10. Promotes transgender ideology
11. Promotes abortion to children
12. Promotes peer-to-peer sex education or sexual rights advocacy
13. Undermines traditional values and beliefs
14. Undermines parents or parental rights

In light of recent findings from a global study on school-based CSE worldwide, we are very concerned by the SOGI expert’s push for CSE. In fact, the researchers concluded: “Three decades of research indicate that comprehensive sex education has not been an effective public health strategy in schools around the world, has shown far more evidence of failure than success, and has produced a concerning number of harmful impacts.”⁴

Article 26.3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that parents have a “prior right” to guide the education of their children. Surely an issue as sensitive as sexuality

³ See more at: StopCSE.org

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

education should be taught with respect for the rights, duties and responsibilities of parents as enshrined in multiple UN treaties and major UN documents.

We strongly oppose the Independent SOGI Expert's attempts to undermine the security and protection of women and girls whose rights and private spaces are being violated by men who identify as women. Where "gender identity" non-discrimination policies are in place, women and girls are being denied their right to privacy in public female spaces, such as bathrooms and showers. Some women and girls have even been sexually assaulted⁵.

Since "gender identity" and "gender expression" are based on internal feelings unique to that individual rather than biological realities that can be independently verified how can a law function if only gender-confused individuals can determine if policy or action violates the law? There is no other law in the world that functions this way.

We call upon all UN Member States to reject the reports issued by the UN Independent Expert on SOGI, which violate the rights and security of women and girls, endanger the natural family, and damage children exposed to the harmful comprehensive sexuality education.

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⁵ OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON: A 45-year-old man, who self-identified as a woman, used the women's facilities at the Evergreen State College swimming pool exposing himself to minor girls who also used the college's swimming pool.
PORTLAND, OREGON: A convicted child sex offender claimed to be a transgender woman and wore a dress to access areas where young girls were changing.
DECATUR, GEORGIA: Parents of a 5-year-old girl filed a legal complaint claiming a transgender girl sexually assaulted their daughter in her school's restroom. This girl was a biological male who identifies as "gender fluid" and therefore was allowed use the girls' restroom under a "gender identity" policy.
TORONTO, CANADA: A man claimed to be transgender to stay at a women's shelter where he then assaulted several women.