

## The Group of Friends of the Family:

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## Organizers:

Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam) and Family Watch International

## Co-sponsoring Organizations:

Civil Society for the Family represents 200 International NGOs. The organizing committee for this platform includes the following: Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam), Family Research Council, Human Life International, HazteOir.org, and Derecho a Vivir.

The UN Family Rights Caucus is a global coalition with member organizations and individuals from over 160 countries dedicated to protecting and promoting the institution of the family. The Caucus advocates for pro-life and pro-family policies and programs in multilateral fora.

ONLINE EVENT

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# Protection of the Family and Family-Oriented Policies in the Time of COVID-19

MAY 17, 2021  
3:00 – 5:30 PM

In Commemoration of the UN International Day of Families



The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the urgent need for legal and social protection of the family and family-oriented policies. In the recovery period following the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of creating an environment conducive to family formation and stability should be borne in mind, so that life within the family can be a source of consolation and renewal for all after the COVID-19 crisis.

Efforts to rebuild after COVID-19 should be carried out taking into

account the importance of protection of the family and assistance by society, including the right of everyone to work and live in dignity.

The event will bring together Members of the Group of Friends of the Family and other interested delegations for the exchange of views with civil society and academia on the importance of protection of the family and ways of strengthening the family-oriented policies, including in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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## MODERATOR

**Austin Ruse**, President, C-Fam

## STATEMENTS BY UN MEMBER AND OBSERVER STATES:

**H.E. Mr. Valentin Rybakov**,  
Permanent Representative of Belarus  
to the UN

**H.E. Mr. Mohamed Fathi Ahmed  
Edrees**, Permanent Representative of  
Egypt to the UN

**H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif  
Al-Thani**, Permanent Representative  
of the State of Qatar to the UN

## ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION :

*The Importance of Family for the Well-being  
of Children*

**Mark Regnerus** Associate Professor,  
University of Texas at Austin

*To Whom do Children Belong*  
**Melissa Moschella, Ph.D.**, The Heritage  
Foundation; Associate Professor of Philosophy,  
The Catholic University of America

*The Protection of Children from Online Harm  
during Lockdown*

**Haley McNamara**, Director, International  
Centre on Sexual Exploitation

## CIVIL SOCIETY STATEMENTS