## International Petition to UN Member States to Oppose the Renewal of the UN SOGI Independent Expert's Mandate

Whereas UN agencies, UN treaty body monitoring committees, and UN experts are working in concert to redefine treaty provisions in ways that undermine the national sovereignty of Member States and disrespect the deeply held religious and cultural values of billions of people;

Whereas the UN-appointed Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) is using his high status at the UN to attempt to redefine "gender" and "gender equality" beyond the long-held understanding of male and female in laws, policies and programs at the UN and in countries around the world;

Whereas this redefinition of "gender" and "gender equality" encompassing controversial concepts of "gender identity" is being mainstreamed in multiple UN documents and resolutions adopted by consensus by UN Member States;

**Whereas** the UN SOGI Expert is violating the international human rights of individuals who experience unwanted same-sex attraction or gender confusion by banning essential help and therapy;

Whereas the SOGI Independent Expert is pushing harmful and ineffective "comprehensive sexuality education" as a major tool to indoctrinate the world's children and normalize radical sexual and gender ideologies to the rising generation;

*Whereas* the concepts of "comprehensive sexuality education" and "sexual orientation and gender identity" were specifically rejected from the 2030 Agenda by many UN Member States, a fact that the "Independent Expert" is blatantly and disrespectfully ignoring;

*We, the undersigned,* therefore, declare any and all efforts by unaccountable UN mandate holders to retroactively reinterpret longstanding UN consensus terms related to gender and sex that have been used in countless UN documents, resolutions and treaties undermine the entire collaborative UN negotiation process and international human rights framework with serious implications for all peoples.

*We denounce* in the strongest terms the UN Independent Expert's attempts to redefine gender-based terms, especially in the UN 2030 Agenda, to encompass radical and harmful concepts and gender ideologies that go beyond the concepts of male and female based on biological sex.

*We denounce* the Independent Expert's call to identify political and religious leaders worldwide who speak out publicly against harmful and unscientific "gender ideology."

We further denounce the Independent Expert's actions identifying UN Member States that are not implementing harmful "comprehensive sexuality education" designed to indoctrinate children and mainstream radical sexual and gender identities and ideologies into our societies.

We, therefore, call upon all UN Member States to oppose the renewal of the mandate of the UN Independent Expert on SOGI that will undermine the natural family, damage children who will learn distorted views of gender and sex through harmful comprehensive sexuality education, and contribute to the continued erosion of freedom of religion or belief.