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## **STATEMENT**

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## Maternal Health Care does not include Violence to Women and Children in the Womb

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Mr. Chairman; Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of many NGO's on the topic of Fertility, Reproductive Health and Development.

The Population Control NGO's and proponents have done well over the last four decades. Their propaganda campaigns and fear mongering under the guise of "family planning" have resulted in widespread permanent sterilizations, birth control chemicals and devices to hinder and stop reproductive healthiness. Along with rampant forced, coerced and induced abortions on demand in most developed countries.

As a result world demographics are radically changing, and will continue to decline rapidly in the developed countries. Almost every developed nation is now well below replacement fertility rates. They scramble to try and just replace themselves to maintain their cultures.

This downward spiral is leading to huge aging/dying populations. Who is benefiting from these declining birth rates? Large multi-million dollar manufacturing drug companies that produce chemical steroids (birth control pills), along with the abortion (planned death of children in the womb) industry profiting from the sale of ending the lives of children in the womb in healthy pregnant women.

It appears that the Population Control leaders are now targeting Africa whereby abortion is still illegal in most countries. They are using Maternal Mortality as an excuse to push the legalization of abortion.

Tragically, women in developing countries are dying where they also have high rates of infant mortality, reflecting poor nutrition and medical care. Another issue is the lack of access to skilled medical care during childbirth and the distance/cost of traveling to the nearest hospital/clinic to receive proper care.

Most maternal deaths have been <u>medically preventable</u> for decades, as treatments to avoid such deaths have been well-known since the 1950s.

The World Health Organization (WHO) target for Millennium Development Goal 5 is to reduce the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) by three-quarters by 2015.

Progress: The Lancet, Medical Journal stated, "Our analysis of all available data for maternal mortality from 1980 to 2008 for 181 countries has shown a substantial decline in maternal deaths. Progress overall would have been greater if the HIV epidemic had not contributed to substantial increases in maternal mortality in eastern and southern Africa."

The United Nations has an obligation according the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, to defend and protect the innocent from violence. Article 3 states that "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person." Also, the Declaration on the Rights of the Child, states that "the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth," -CRC (1990) Preamble. And ICPD (1994), Chapter II, Principle 1.

Whether legal or illegal, there is no such thing as a "safe" abortion. Legal abortions do not equal 'safe' abortions. Of course, the abortion procedure is never 'safe' for the living baby inside his or her mother's womb. In many cases legal abortions, cause irreparable damage to women physically and psychologically.

The Elliot Institute reported that the majority of women in the USA do not want an abortion as 64% of are coerced or pressured into it by boyfriends, parents, husbands and abortion clinic workers. Many women suffer cervical and uterine damage, sterility, pre-term births in subsequent pregnancies, breast and cervical cancers, depression, guilt, remorse, suicidal thoughts, substance abuse etc....from legal abortions. [ii] www.afterabortion.org and www.abortionbreastcancer.com

I know abortion is an invasive, violent act against children and it hurts women; we have testimonies of thousands of women across North America who have been damaged by abortion. I was pressured to have a

legal abortion at 16. I was told it was "just a clump of tissue" by a doctor. But I am here today to tell you that abortion killed my children. I had no idea that my children had a beating heart by 3 weeks gestation, arms, legs, fingers and toes by 8 weeks. Abortion also affected my reproductive health by damaging my cervix, and uterus. Some of my friends aborted the only child they could ever have.

Just because something is legal, doesn't make it right. Africans were sold into slavery for profit, having no right to life and liberty. Aboriginal peoples in North America, and other nations who were slaughtered and forced into Residential Schools and Reservations, classified as non-persons, and of course the horrors of the holocaust where millions of Jews and others were exterminated as part of a population control campaign.

In conclusion, people in developing countries need infrastructure, education on how to prosper, sustainable food, clean water and access to sanitary medical services to preserve all life. They need clean birthing kits to prevent infections; Access to skilled birthing attendants and doctors and emergency obstetric care, not abortions.

Dr. Jean Kagio, MD. Ob/Gynecologist from Kenya, Africa states that "Legal Abortion cannot end poverty because the health budget would go higher due to the increased number of patients, increased mortality and morbidity due to abortion complications to women...including psychiatric and assisted reproductive health services such as IVF. Abortion would also increase sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS due to using abortion as a form of birth control, and this is quite expensive to treat."

As part of the broader investment in public health programs, adequate financing for Maternal Health, especially dedicated to ensure SAFE deliveries, is CRITICAL!" This will save the lives of women and children!

Governments need to invest in essential Obstetrical care that values both the lives of the mother and her child. It should be unthinkable that in order to save women's lives, their babies are destroyed.

Abortion is a violent form of birth control, thousands of women around the world are writing affidavit testimonies on the pain of legal abortion in developed countries and how it has devastated their reproductive and mental health.

Thank you so much for listening."

PS. The world is not overpopulated. Every human being on the whole planet could have over 1,000 square feet per person, and all fit into the State of Texas! There is enough space and food to feed everyone, the problem is corruption in Governments and distribution. A person is a person, no matter how small.

DESA reported in 2009 that by 2050 there will be over 2 billion people over the age of 60, and we will outnumber the amount of children under the age of 14. This could lead to a catastrophic economic disaster, where seniors will not have support or sustainability.

The ICPD, 8.25 states that "In no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning"...also ICPD, 7.24 declares "Governments should take appropriate steps to help women avoid abortion..."

Wikipedia, Maternal Death

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<sup>[</sup>iii] Elliot Institute: www.afterabortion.org; www.abortionbreastcancer.com; www.bcpinstitute.org