|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | | |
| **To The High Commissioner on Human Rights &**  **To the Human Rights Commission & Human Rights Committee**  **Submission Statement by Mrs. Denise Mountenay**  UN Representative for Endeavour Forum Inc.  In Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC  **Oct. 5th, 2017** |  | |  |

Re: General comment No. 36 on article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, on “THE RIGHT TO LIFE”

## Our NGO is grateful for the opportunity to share our deep concerns regarding the draft of General Comment No. 36 on Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) – **THE RIGHT TO LIFE**.

Endeavour Forum aims to enhance the status of uniquely female roles - we affirm that men and women are equal, but different; not equal and the same.

**We support THE RIGHT TO LIFE of all human beings from conception to natural death.**

As a former abortion patient, and President of a non-profit association, called “Canada Silent No More” and human rights activist for 30 years; I, like most pregnant women was misled by abortion providers and pressured to have abortions. We were never informed about the truth of fetal development, nor told about ALL of the Risk factors for legal abortion. I got an infection, damaged cervix, badly scarred uterus, two lumps removed from my left breast, and had fertility problems in the aftermath of abortion. Many of my colleagues could never have children after their abortion. I was only able to have one child, my son, but wanted more children. Afterwards, when I learned the truth about the humanity of my children in utero, I was devastated. For years I have grieved and have great remorse over the deaths of my aborted children. It is not natural for mothers to have their children killed, before or after birth. The choice to have your child in utero killed, should be unimaginable, not readily accessible and acted out. Whether legal or illegal, abortion often damages women’s mental and reproductive health also.

In this context our comments on the Draft General Comment under discussion to paragraph 52 of the Committee’s Draft General Comment, dealing with article 6(5) of the ICCPR, and to paragraph’s 9 and 10 of the Committee’s Draft General Comment, dealing with abortion.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The United Nations General Assembly acknowledged the need to protect THE RIGHT TO LIFE in Article 3, “*Everyone has* ***the right to life****, liberty and security of person.”*

In history, we know that barbaric genocides have killed millions of people. Africans were kidnapped, beaten, sold, raped, lynched and dehumanized as having no Right to Life or Liberty for decades. We understand that slavery is inhumane. Yet, it was legal; but it was wrong.

The entire international political community affirmed and adopted The Universal Declaration of Human Rights shortly after WWII. This was a result of the revelation of the atrocities on the systematic killings, torture and inhumane sufferings of Jewish peoples and others, by the Nazis.

Dreadfully, millions of innocent human beings were cruelly and systematically exterminated, because they were “unwanted, useless eaters...” according to the Nazis. Yet, The Holocaust was legal; but it was wrong. It was the Nazis “choice” to kill those people, and they profited from their stolen possessions.

Today, the choice to have one’s child killed before birth, should be unthinkable, never a right, never a form of birth control. Today abortion providers have a huge conflict of interest as they profit in the millions off the backs of vulnerable young pregnant women, by dismembering, crushing or poisoning children alive in the sanctuary of their mother’s womb.

**Where is THE RIGHT TO LIFE, for children in utero?** Tragically, for the last four decades there has been, and still is a daily systematic extermination of thousands of human beings globally via induced/forced abortions. We can prove mass genocides are taking place in most member States, along with inhumane sufferings and tragic complications for young women, in particular. We urge the High Commissioner on Human Rights & The Human Rights Committee not to accept and tolerate this trend in many developed States; which do not recognize the sanctity of human life.

General Comment No. 36, Article 6 recognizes and protects the **RIGHT TO LIFE** of ALL Human Beings, no matter what sex, language, colour, race, religion or what age they are. The right to life has crucial importance both for individuals, and for society as a whole. It is the most precious inherent right and constitutes the most fundamental right to life. Therefore, every human life must be protected no matter how small, or young, as a perquisite for the enjoyment of all other rights.

Science affirms that Human Life begins at conception; and therefore, must be protected and valued. **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.

Also, adopted in 1976, in furtherance of the UDHR, [THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a_ccpr.htm) [CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS,](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a_ccpr.htm) (ICCPR) begins with the foundational “recognition” that “***the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world*”** and then more broadly provides for **THE RIGHT TO LIFE** in its Preamble and Article 6.

Responses to General remarks

**Paragraph 9-**

Since scientific research clearly establishes the fact that human life begins at conception; and whereas ALL the DNA is intrinsic with the knowledge on how this newly created human being is going to develop a beating heart by 3-4 weeks gestation, have all the vital organs formed by 8 weeks, by 9 weeks arms, legs, fingers and toes are developed. Inherent knowledge on how to develop eyes to see, ears to hear, lungs to breathe, mouth to speak etc. is existing from conception. Obviously, from conception we are a part of the Human Family.

From conception, we became a **Human Being with Potential**, not a potential human being. This truth must be recognized and acknowledged by the Human Rights Committee, and the UN Members, that Human Life begins at conception; and therefore, children in utero must be protected and have the inalienable right to life. Whether it is politically incorrect or not, despite personal beliefs or ideologies.

No matter what stage of our development, whether an embryo, fetus, infant, adolescent, adult or senior, these are all stages of our human life as members of the human family.

**Article 3**- Since induced, forced abortion intentionally causes the premature death of a human being, and deprive them the joy of life and dignity, and since Article 6 guarantees The Right to Life for all human beings without distinction of any kind; Be it resolved that every child in utero should be included and have protection and for this inherent right to life. Consequently, access to abortions should be prohibited and deterred as it is in violation of THE RIGHT TO LIFE.

Paragraph 1 of article 6 of the Covenant provides that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life and that the right shall be protected by law. It lays the foundation for the obligation of States parties to respect and to ensure THE RIGHT TO LIFE, to give effect to it through legislative and other measures, and to provide effective remedies and reparation to all victims of violations of the right to life.

**Since induced abortion arbitrarily deprives human beings of their lives, and since they cannot defend or protect themselves, be it resolved that the foundation for the obligation of States respect and ensure the right to life for every human being no matter how small, or how young.**

The provisions of Paragraph 3 regulate specifically the relationship between Article 6 of the Covenant and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (‘the Genocide Convention’). Since these paragraphs refer to the death penalty, and since induced abortion is an arbitrary form of the death penalty for innocent human beings before birth. It is a death sentence and should be inaccessible, not a form of birth control.

Deprivation of life involves a deliberate[[1]](#footnote-2) or otherwise foreseeable and preventable life-terminating harm or injury, caused by an act or omission. It goes beyond injury to bodily or mental integrity or threat thereto, which are prohibited by article 9, paragraph 1.[[2]](#footnote-3)

Since induced abortion involves a deliberate deprivation and extermination of human life, as well as often causing irreparable damage to the pregnant mother physically and psychologically, be it resolved that every effort be made to defend and protect innocent children in utero, before as well as after birth from harm or injury.

States parties have the duty to refrain from engaging in conduct or laws resulting in arbitrary deprivation of life. They must also exercise due diligence to protect the lives of individuals against deprivations caused by persons or entities, whose conduct is not attributable to the State.[[3]](#footnote-4) The obligation of States parties to respect and ensure the right to life extends to all threats that can result in loss of life. States parties may be in violation of article 6 even if such threats have not actually resulted in loss of life.[[4]](#footnote-5) State parties will allow and tolerate the extermination of human beings before birth are in violation of Article 6, and should be condemned.

Although States parties may adopt measures designed to regulate terminations of pregnancy, such measures must not result in violation of The **RIGHT TO LIFE**.

Whereas, over 70 published worldwide studies report that induced abortion is linked to Breast Cancer[[5]](#endnote-2), and whereas over 140 published studies in peer reviewed Medical Journals declare that induced abortion is linked to cervical/uterine damage resulting in subsequent Pre-Mature births in wanted children[[6]](#endnote-3), and whereas over 81% of pregnant women who aborted suffered mental health issues, such as depression, anxiety disorders, substance abuse, suicidal ideation and attempts etc., compared to pregnant women who let their babies live[[7]](#endnote-4); be it resolved that every effort should be made to deter pregnant women from having abortions, as often this surgical invasive practice is cruel, inhumane and degrading for pregnant women and their pre-born children.

Therefore, whether legal or illegal, be it resolved that induced abortion is harmful to pregnant women and deadly to their children in utero. Since there is no such thing as a “safe” abortion, be it resolved that pregnant women and their children be protected and supported as mothers. In cases of rape, why should the child in utero receive the death penalty for the crime of the sperm donor? Therefore, be it resolved that the rapists get the full extent of the law for rape, and let the innocent child live.

Since abortion practitioners have a huge conflict of interest as they make money terminating the lives of children before birth, (paid assassins) and since some do it illegally, they should be punished by the full extent of the law for taking innocent lives before birth, and for causing mental and reproductive health injuries in women. It is a duty of States to protect every human being, and to protect vulnerable, pregnant women from exploitation of abortion providers who profit from fearful pregnant women.

State parties must also ensure the availability of adequate prenatal and post-abortion health care for pregnant women.[[8]](#footnote-6) Whereas the practice of induced abortion involves the use of weapons of mass destruction, and whereas human beings are brutally and systematically dismembered, decapitated, crushed and poisoned while in the sanctuary of their mothers’ womb, we urge all member states to take measures to protect and defend human lives in utero, as well as to warn women about all of the physical and psychological impact of abortion to their bodies and minds. Furthermore, since it is proven that induced abortion causes many risks to women’s mental and reproductive health as well as terminate the lives of innocent children, it should be condemned and never used as a violent form of birth control. Induced abortion is NOT a “safe” surgical practice for pregnant women, or their children in utero. Please note that induced abortion is not a black and white issue…it is blood red, and the greatest human rights violation in our generation.

**Paragraph 10**- Regarding the termination of human lives by Physicians or staff, from people or family members who request to be killed, are in violation of the RIGHT TO LIFE, and patients must be protected from being pressured and abused or euthanized. Since The Hippocratic Oath was created as a standard for the integrity and trust of all Physicians to DO NO HARM, may it be resolved that Member States and their Physicians have nothing to do with the intentional deprivation of food, water and the necessities of life. People should die in peace naturally, never intentionally killed by the State or its Physicians.

**The Duty to Protect All Human Life**

The duty to protect the right to life requires State parties to take special measures of protection towards persons in situation of vulnerability whose lives have been placed at particular risk because of specific threats[[9]](#footnote-7) or pre-existing patterns of violence. These must include human rights defenders,[[10]](#footnote-8) journalists,[[11]](#footnote-9) prominent public figures, witnesses to crime[[12]](#footnote-10) and victims of domestic violence. As well as vulnerable, weak and defenceless children in utero, the sick, the infirm and the elderly.

Since abortion practitioners who profit from the deaths of human beings before birth, and since they employ lethal force to children before birth, be it resolved that the State and the Human Rights Committee have an obligation to ensure the actual compliance of The Right to Life article 6 and is responsible to condemn the act of forced abortion, the termination of human lives, no matter how young or small.

States parties engaged in the use of existing weapons and in the study, development, acquisition or adoption of new weapons, and means or methods of warfare must always consider their impact on the right to life. Since abortion practitioners use instrumental weapons which decapitate, dismember and crush human beings alive, before birth, they must be condemned for the violence and inhumane and vicious force used to kill children alive, before birth.

Since it was established in Nuremberg that the Nazis systematically exterminated Jewish people, because they were “unwanted” and since these horrendous acts were deemed as a crime against humanity. Be it resolved that the systematic extermination of “unwanted” children also be deemed as a crime against humanity by the Human Rights Committee.

States parties must enact a protective legal framework which includes effective criminal prohibitions on all forms of arbitrary deprivations of life by individuals, including intentional and negligent homicide, disproportionate use of firearms,[[13]](#footnote-11) infanticide,[[14]](#footnote-12) induced abortions, “honour” killings,[[15]](#footnote-13) lynching,[[16]](#footnote-14) violent hate crimes,[[17]](#footnote-15) blood feuds,[[18]](#footnote-16) death threats, terrorist attacks and other manifestations of violence or incitement to violence that are likely to result in a deprivation of life. The criminal sanctions attached to these crimes must be commensurate with their gravity,[[19]](#footnote-17) while remaining compatible with all provisions of the Covenant.

# **REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION & REPORT**

We urge the United Nations, The Commission on Human Rights, The Commission on the Rights of the Child, and The Committee on Human Rights take immediate action to investigate these atrocities known as the practice of induced abortions, or terminations of pregnancy, which cause the deaths of human beings in utero, and often causes irreparable damage to women’s mental and reproductive health. As well many women have also died from legal abortions.

As this is the greatest crime against humanity in our generation. Accordingly, we urge you to investigate these violations of “The Right to Life” in China, Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, Russia, India and where ever induced abortions are accepted, tolerated and practiced. We hope you will report on your findings and recommend whatever steps are needed to stop the shedding of innocent blood, where children are brutally dismembered, crushed and poisoned to death. This cruel, invasive violence against vulnerable pregnant women, and their pre-born children, is disgraceful, whether the pregnant woman requests her child in utero to be slaughtered or not. Doctors should always do no harm. Induced abortion always has two victims, one dead, and often one wounded.

As well there are over 70 credible published studies in peer reviewed medical journals revealing that abortion significantly increases the RISK of Breast Cancer, despite a cover-up by cancer societies who profit from breast cancer, and have a conflict of interest as they often support abortion providers. Also, there are over 140 published studies showing a significant increased RISK of cervical/uterine damage resulting in Pre-Mature Births in subsequent wanted children, after induced abortion. Finally, a huge Meta-Analysis published in the British Journal of Psychiatry in 2011, revealed that women who abort their children had an 81% increased RISK of Mental Health issues in the aftermath, compared to women who gave birth to their “unplanned” children. [www.afterabortion.org](http://www.afterabortion.org), [www.bcpinstitute.org](http://www.bcpinstitute.org), [www.canadasilentnomore.com](http://www.canadasilentnomore.com)

We look forward to your serious and deep consideration of these facts and truths, and hope that the Human Rights Committee will actually acknowledge, defend and protect ALL HUMAN BEINGS, no matter how young, small, or defenceless, including the lives of [[20]](#endnote-5)children before birth.

*Thank you for your attention to this urgent critical and prevalent matter.*

1. Communication No. R.11/45, Suarez de Guerrero v. Colombia, Views adopted on 31 March 1982, para. 13.2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. General Comment 35, para. 9. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Cf. Osman v UK, Judgment of the ECtHR of 28 Oct. 1998, para. 116. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Communication No. 821/1998, Chongwe v. Zambia, Views adopted on 25 Nov. 2000, para. 5.2. Cf. Ilhan v Turkey, Judgment of the ECtHR of 27 June 2000, para. 75-76; Rochela Massacre v Colombia, I/A CHR Judgment of 11 May 2007, para. 127. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. www.bcpinstitute.org [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
6. http://justiceforkids.webs.com/abortioncerebralpalsy.htm [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
7. http://bjp.rcpsych.org/content/199/3/180 [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
8. Concluding Observations: Malawi (2014), para. 9. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
9. Cf. Barrios Family v. Venezuela, Judgment of the I/A CHR of 24 Nov. 2011, para. 124. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
10. Concluding Observations: Paraguay (2013), para. 15. See also paragraph 57 below. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
11. Concluding Observations: Serbia (2011), para. 21; Report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, 10 April 2012, para. 105. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
12. Concluding Observations: Colombia (2010), para. 14. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
13. Concluding Observations: Liechtenstein (2004), para. 10. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
14. Concluding Observations: Madagascar (2007), para. 17. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
15. Concluding Observations: Turkey (2012), para. 13. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
16. Concluding Observations: Mozambique (2013), para. 12; Concluding Observations: Guatemala (2012), para 18. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
17. Concluding Observations: Indonesia (2013), para. 6; Concluding Observations: Russia (2009), para. 11. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
18. Concluding Observations: Albania (2013), para. 10. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
19. Concluding Observations: Russia (2009), para. 14. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
20. [www.denisemountenay.com](http://www.denisemountenay.com) [↑](#endnote-ref-5)