



**SUBMISSION TO THE REPORT ON  
GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY**

Associazione Family Day – DNF supports the protection of all fundamental human rights of ALL persons, regardless of their age, religion, ethnicity, health condition, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Your report, however, seems to go far beyond the defence of such rights. It rather seems to be aimed at, among other things, advancing radical gender theories and ideologies that seek to erase all differences between men and women and undermine the hard-earned gains for women in the area of human rights.

We are greatly concerned that the Independent Expert on SOGI is attempting to mainstream queer theory throughout the UN system and to pressure UN Member States to do the same. His intent is to make all States accountable to his radical concept of a “gender framework” that would mainstream SOGI ideology in all laws and policies. The adoption of a “gender identity” policy poses great risks: since both “gender identity” and “gender expression” are based on internal feelings unique to an individual rather than biological realities that can be independently verified, only individuals could determine, referring to their personal, subjective perception, if some policy or action violates the law. There is no other law in the world that functions this way.

If the goal to be reached is opposing discrimination, we should enforce existing laws and policies calling for the elimination of violence against anyone, instead of trying to create special protections for people based on their internal perceptions of themselves which can change over time.

Among the many facts which make it impossible to support “gender identity” policies is the fact that where gender-confusion-affirming policies are adopted, they can serve to encourage cross-sex hormone therapies and surgeries, and we know such interventions cause harm. Gender identity protection policies operate under the false assumption that people with gender confusion are better off being encouraged to identify as something other than their biological sex and undergoing

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treatment to alter their bodies, so as to conform to the desired sex. However, the website SexChangeRegret.com, for example, has multiple testimonies from people who have strongly regretted their cross-sex surgeries and who are desperately trying to reintegrate with their biological sex, despite the altered conditions of their body.

In addition to being concerned about the thrust to promote cross-sex therapies and surgeries, we also believe that your conception of a “gender framework” which incorporates radical transgender ideology will lead to discrimination, harassment and violence against women and girls as your proposed framework will erase the very rights and protections designed for them. In private spaces and sports, bodies matter. For the privacy, safety, and fairness to girls, male and female biological embodiment and realities must be respected.

Another point in the call for input we would like to challenge is its blatant support of “Comprehensive sexuality education”, which has never been accepted in a binding treaty or major UN consensus document, and has been proven to be all but beneficial to the well being of young generation. First of all, Member States who have expressed strong objections to CSE should be respected by the SOGI mandate holder. Secondly, we would like to recall Article 26.3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that parents have a “prior right” to guide the education of their children. Surely an issue as sensitive as sexuality 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 therefore strongly urge the SOGI expert to refrain from promoting CSE.

Finally, we are concerned that the Independent Expert on SOGI is actively trying to identify individuals, groups and countries that do not accept his ideology (question 8 in the call for input clearly suggests that freedom of religion, belief or conscience - including the figure of conscientious objection – could represent a threat for fundamental human rights). What does he intend to do with this list? Will it be used to incite reprisals against those who do not accept radical transgender ideology?



The implications and consequences of adopting non-discrimination “gender identity” policies are far reaching with grave consequences for children and the family and ironically, are fraught with negative consequences for the very people they were designed to help.

We are deeply concerned by the Independent Expert on SOGI’s overstepping of his mandate and reject the underlying assumptions upon which this request for input have been made.

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