



Submission to the report on gender, sexual orientation and gender identity

We fundamentally disagree with the radical and unscientific transgender ideologies that underpin your request for submissions for your thematic report on Gender, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. We believe that the very questions and definitions you use illustrate a gross overstepping of your mandate.

We believe that the leading questions and rhetoric used in your call for submissions demonstrate a clear bias in favor of radical sexual and gender theories and policies, which have been rejected by a large grouping of UN Member States on multiple occasions.

We are deeply concerned that your current and past reports have and will go far beyond the content and scope of your mandate in harmful ways. Specifically, the thrust of your work is not in conformity with the principles as listed in HRC Res 5/1 which require "universality," "impartiality," "objectivity," "non-selectiveness," and a "gender perspective" as understood by States to mean a women's equality perspective and not a transgender perspective.

Intersectionality, gender theory and queer theory are akin to religious beliefs and should not be the underpinnings for UN policies nor international law.

We are concerned that the Independent Expert on SOGI is actively trying to identify individuals, groups and countries that do not accept his ideology. 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 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 idea that a biological male becomes a girl or woman simply by adopting stereotypical female behavior and dress is regressive and harms girls and women by reinforcing the very stereotypes that have resulted in the harassment, discrimination, and violence against girls and women.

How can we create policies based on characteristics that are subjective, changeable, self-defined and that cannot be measured or quantified? For example, "Adamasgender" is defined as "a gender which refuses to be categorized," and "Affectugender" is defined as "a gender that is affected by mood swings?" How can governments be expected to regulate policies based on an individual's internal or individual experience of gender?

What if additional gender identities emerge after a policy on gender identity is adopted? Will we then be required to recognize any and all gender identities that are put forward?

Instead of trying to create special protections for people based on their internal perceptions of themselves which can change over time, we should enforce existing laws and policies calling for the elimination of violence against anyone.

We strongly oppose the Independent SOGI Expert's attempts to undermine the hard-won advancements of women and girls whose rights and private spaces are being violated by men who identify as women.

Where "gender identity" non-discrimination policies are in place, women and girls are being denied their right to privacy in public female spaces, such as bathrooms and showers. Some women and girls have even been sexually assaulted. Women cannot opt out of the biological realities that put them at higher risk than men for oppression, sexual harassment, and rape. These differences must be acknowledged and protected.

Allowing biological males to opt in to the category of "girl" and "woman" by claiming a female identity will erode the many rights and protections currently extended to girls and women by governments worldwide as the categories of women and girls will become utterly meaningless if a man can be considered to be a woman too.

This radical gender framework would encourage the medical transitioning of vulnerable children with medical and surgical interventions that have been shown to increase mental distress and cause lifelong physical harms including infertility.

The "gender framework" proposed by the SOGI expert would indoctrinate children into a belief system through comprehensive sexuality education, something that is fundamentally at odds with the UN's Charter.

The Independent Expert on SOGI is seeking to implement so-called "comprehensive sexuality education" (CSE) designed to indoctrinate children and mainstream queer theory, an unhealthy belief system that encourages children to disassociate from their biological sex in harmful ways. It should be noted the concepts of "comprehensive sexuality education" and "sexual orientation and gender identity" were specifically rejected from the 2030 Agenda by many UN Member States and that the establishment of this SOGI expert's mandate is a deliberate attempt to override the positions of States opposed to such and coerce them into accepting SOGI rights. This is a direct assault on the sovereignty of UN Member States and an abuse of the UN system.

We strongly oppose the attempt by the Independent Expert on SOGI to push harmful and ineffective "comprehensive sexuality education" as a major tool to indoctrinate the world's children and mainstream radical sexual and gender ideologies into the rising generation.

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.

CSE programs typically contain many, and often all, of 15 program elements listed below that are harmful to children (see more information at StopCSE.org):

15 Common Harmful CSE Elements:

- Sexualizes children
- Teaches children how to consent to sex
- Normalizes anal & oral sex
- Promotes homosexual/bisexual behavior

- Promotes sexual pleasure
- Promotes solo and/or mutual masturbation
- Promotes condom use in inappropriate ways
- Promotes early sexual autonomy
- Fails to establish abstinence as the expected standard
- Promotes transgender ideology
- Promotes contraception/abortion to children
- Promotes peer-to-peer sex ed or sexual rights advocacy
- Undermines traditional values and beliefs
- Undermines parents or parental rights

We therefore strongly discourage the SOGI expert to refrain from promoting CSE.

In light of recent findings from a global study on school-based CSE worldwide, we are very concerned by the SOGI expert's push for CSE. In fact, the researchers concluded: "Three decades of research indicate that comprehensive sex education has not been an effective public health strategy in schools around the world, has shown far more evidence of failure than success, and has produced a concerning number of harmful impacts."

Article 26.3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 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 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.

In order to uphold the rights and protections of girls and women we reject the false assumptions regarding gender in the Independent Expert on SOGI's call for input for his upcoming "thematic report."

The Independent Expert on SOGI is attempting to identify political and religious leaders who speak out publicly against "gender ideology." We are concerned that such a list could be used to incite reprisals against people who exercise free expression, speech and religious liberty rights.

We denounce the Independent Expert on SOGI's actions seeking to identify 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 call upon all UN Member States to reject the past and forthcoming reports issued by the UN Independent Expert on SOGI and to censure him for his aforementioned ultra vires actions that will only serve to denigrate and abolish the many hard-won sex-based rights for women and girls, lead to the destruction of the natural family, and damage children who will receive harmful comprehensive sexuality education designed to indoctrinate them in radical gender and sexual ideologies and queer theories.

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