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“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.

The UN social policies with regard to gender equality were specifically designed to protect sex-based rights, not controversial transgender ideology.

The terms “gender” and “gender equality” are common terms used throughout the UN system and in multiple UN documents and resolutions adopted by consensus by UN Member States to advance the equality of women and girls and were never intended to advance highly controversial transgender policies.

The American College of Pediatricians (ACPed) calls “gender dysphoria” a “mental disorder in which an individual experiences distress over a deeply felt desire or belief that he or she is the opposite sex.” When the dysphoria is severe enough to cause a child to insist on amputating their sex organs, without question, this should be considered a mental disorder.

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.

What these children really need is help in overcoming their disorder, not policies to protect their confused “gender identity” or “identities” or that push them further and further into an opposite-sex identity, putting them at risk for a large array of mental, social, and physical problems throughout their lives.

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 denounce Independent Expert on SOGI’s most recent call to identify political and religious leaders worldwide who speak out publicly against harmful and unscientific “gender ideology.”