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Introduction

Dear Reader,

Our call to defend unborn life, the natural family, and religious and educational freedom has received a great response from our support base. It is encouraging to see that the urgency is felt and that we, but also by some EU-leaders vehemently attacked Hungarian pro-family politicians, are not alone in this struggle. We would like to thank you, who support us (financially).

It is now possible for our consultant in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to build a network with the there located African Union in order to stand up for the themes we hold dear: life, family and freedom, but also to ban gender ideology from international treaties with the support of African countries. See also the report of our consultant in New York, which shows that our 'no' to sexual colonialism, imposed by mostly 'Western' countries, was followed up.

At the same time, perverse delusions got a turbo boost on July 2 at <u>the Generation Equality Forum in</u> <u>Paris</u>, where TCC was also registered. <u>A whopping</u> <u>\$40 billion was pledged over 5 years</u> for an irreversible acceleration of a globally rolled out gender agenda.

We are currently building an international coalition to block texts introduced outside of mandate that promote abortion and comprehensive sexuality education in a 20 year binding trade treaty between the EU and 79 ACP (African/Caribbean/Pacific) countries.

We took the opportunity to make our voice heard in response to the call for input by the 'Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity', as you can see and hear below. In order to make this sound stronger and more frequent in Geneva, New York and beyond, it is our wish to deploy additional people for this purpose. Your financial support is desperately needed for this!

There is a cultural war going on, our American board member writes. And we are in the middle of that.

But I will close with the theme we have given to the events we hope to hold in October and under which motto we want to work: "In God We Trust"! Kind regards,

Henk Jan van Schothorst Executive Board TCC/CCI

Fields of activity

"Male and female created he them" - Oral Statement Geneva - 24 June on SOGI



Dear Mr. Madrigal-Borloz,

As director of Transatlantic Christian Council, an ECOSOC-accredited ngo, I thank you for the opportunity to provide input relative to your report on "Gender, sexual orientation and gender identity".

As your report is not available yet, we refer to your call for input. From the first sentence on gender is introduced as theory, which wording contains the claim of verifiable science. It portrays gender as a social construct or socially created. We believe that gender theory is an ideology. On a scientifical basis we believe that sexes are based on biology. We also believe that God created human beings male and female, according to the Bible in the book Genesis 1:27: [Quote]"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." [Unquote]. That has not changed. We also acknowledge that all human beings are captive to their sinful nature in which they are fallen, and are in need of redemption. That is possible because of the coming in the world and the saving grace and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, Son of God.

Our critical input asks for a rethink, but is also in the recognition of the inherent dignity of every human being as an image bearer of God, that respects the right of each individual to live, as far as feasible, in liberty. - Thank you.

TCC statement followed: no abortion and gender ideology in UN population resolution



CPD 54 - end of April 2021, New York Peter Smith - Representing at the UN

<u>TCC provided excellent input into a consultation</u> <u>held by the UN in February this year</u>, as to why consensus could not be reached at CPD meetings recently. The intervention can be viewed <u>here</u>.

With over 25 years' experience of attending UN meetings I am still shocked when I listen to the rubbish propagated by so many countries. I am reminded of Romans 1:24 where "God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts....."

In summary the meeting last week in New York, which I followed on the internet was the Commission on Population & Development, CPD54. The subject was :

Population, food security, nutrition and sustainable development.

You would think this would be just about food production etc , but you would be wrong. There was a great push on abortion and sexual rights by Finland with 81 countries supporting this. There would have been much threatening and intimidation to get so many countries I imagine.

While I was attending the Food Summit negotiations in Rome in 1996, a lady in my Church here in Scotland said to my wife , "Why is Peter at a Food Summit, isn't he just anti-abortion." My wife had to explain that hunger and food shortage can be remedied, according to the UN by aborting away all these poor children. The UN does not say these things so bluntly, but here is a sample from Finland from their statement mentioned above. "Nutrition, food security, sustainable development and sexual and reproductive health and rights are closely related and mutually reinforcing..... Because of these interconnections, an intersectional approach is required to leave no one behind."

To interpret the above statement let me restate it in my words. To get enough food you need sexual immorality and abortion on demand. Too little food is because there are too many poor people. Because all these issues are related to each other sexual and abortion rights are essential for getting enough food. This is a lie as population growth and economic growth are not related.

There was no outcome document last year due to COVID. The three years prior to that there was also no document as the Trump appointed people on the US delegation ensured that abortion promotion and other nasty ideas were suppressed. So the UN Secretariat, the Population Division, UNFPA and the rich countries were desperate to get a document, to make " progress".

<u>The final document</u> was not too bad, only four references to sexual and reproductive health , ten references to gender, and five references to the family. The sovereignty paragraph was good :

OP2. Also reaffirms the sovereign right of each country to implement the recommendations of the Programme of Action or other proposals in the present resolution, consistent with national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its people, and in conformity with universally recognized international human rights.

After the adoption of a "consensus "document at the UN different delegations make reservation and interpretive statements. The statement by the Holy See was excellent as usual. They lamented no reference to family sensitive policies. Then went on to mention that sexual and reproductive health care etc, does not include abortion of abortifacient products Also gender was just biology, only male and female.

I have often wondered why the rich countries, at the UN, are so negative about the family. I remember one African delegate saying to me, "You Europeans must hate your parents." Now during the recent lock down, I have been watching some good people on YouTube. One of these is Dr. Thomas Sowell. He is an African American conservative, with a Ph D in economics. In one of his quotes, he said that ultra-left-wing politicians despise the nuclear family, especially the law abiding, God fearing ones who work hard, and do not rely on government assistance. If everyone was like this, we would not need all those left-wing extremist politician who want to interfere in our lives. I thought this was a very perceptive observation by Dr. Sowell, I would recommend you watch some of his interviews.

For a more detailed report, <u>click here</u>.

Contribution in Commemoration of the UN International Day of Families – May 17, 2021



We assume a worldview in which a human being on the one hand has inviolable dignity, with an equal claim to fundamental rights for everyone. On the other hand, there is the recognition that man is imperfect, and prone to evil and abuse of power. This inconvenient truth is also the reason for the introduction of "checks and balances" through the separation of powers: executive, legislative and judiciary.

As a people split into identity groups our opponents seem to reject, exchange, or redefine these core truths in such a way that each group and each individual has the right to decide for himself what his truth is. These claimed or experienced truths must then be accepted by everyone. Those who do not go along with this identity politics, leading to political correctness, are dismissed as xenophobic, racist, homophobic, etcetera. Thus, under the cover of inclusivity, diversity and social justice, unfreedom is imposed 'for all'. A cancel culture of the deemed wrong past, in which the whole system must be dismantled and reformed, and supposed 'white domination' must come to an end. However, the problem is not in the system, but in the human being. Denial of this truth is the source of all problems. Only united we stand, diversified we fall.



AFRICAN UNION

Observer Status to the African Union (AU) applied for

Our consultant in Addis Ababa prepared the application to obtain de observer status with the African Union.

Its receipt has since been formally acknowledged by the AU Secretariat.

We hope and pray that we can soon make our impact here as well.

Media

April 30 2021 Online Conference "In God we Trust"

- First 100 days Biden Presidency

(Transatlantic) Christian Council International organizes an afternoon (evening) about the new wind that blows from Washington DC with President Joe Biden. What does his agenda mean for us and our children in the Netherlands, the US and worldwide, with extra focus on freedom of education. Here you can watch the live stream back. The program starts at min. 7:06.



Featured! May 3, 2021 - Henk Jan van Schothorst on Biden's U.S. presidency

For more than 100 days, Joe Biden has been the American president. Is he succeeding in being a president for all Americans and how do American Christians view him? (Dutch spoken)



A Culture War By: John Van Der Brink



There is a cultural war going on in America and it is getting worse every day. Like all wars, it affects not only the "soldiers" on the front lines, but the outcome also affects every man, woman, and child who they represent. Like all wars, it is made up of a series of battles, some here and some there, but collectively there is an "army" which is moving the life in America from one mode of existence to something quite different. The effects will likely reach into every home, school, business and possibly church in America. There is a movement to change the very way we think and live our daily lives.

Changes are happening so fast; it is hard to keep track of all of them. But in one sense, we should not be surprised at what we see happening today, because we have been gradually approaching for many years to the fall we see happening today. The decisions being made in the halls of Congress today reflect the values of Americans who have grown up in homes and schools where the Word of God has been largely absent. That results in a worldview and a way of thinking which is completely foreign to Biblical traditional Christianity. So, what is "good" and what is "bad" is based, not on the Bible, but on what depraved humanity considers good for society. This leads to the inevitable conflict we see all around us today.

There are several "battles" in this cultural warfare that are raging today. Below are listed a brief description of some of them.

Battle of Gender Identity- One of the a. biggest battles being fought in this cultural War is about gender definition and equality. The Bible clearly speaks about two genders - male and female. That is clearly demonstrated also in our biological composition. We either have XX chromosomes or we have an XY chromosome. But if we feel we have the right to reject Biblical precepts, then it is ok for us to think we can change that or behave in ways inconsistent with our creation. So, there are two worldviews in competition here. Either the Bible is our guide or depraved man is our guide. Are we a nation under God or are we ruled by the principles of men?

The Equality Act is a manifestation of this conflict. It is new legislation which basically says the Christian worldview must be set aside and the unchristian worldview followed. Is that equal? Is that fair?

Battle of Women's Rights- Another battle b. in the Culture War is the place of women in society and in the church. This battle has been waging for a longtime already, but it has reached a feverish pitch at the present time. The idea of the woman's primary role as a mother in the family is a Biblical precept which many Americans still adhere to. But there is a growing population in America who want to emancipate the woman from that Biblical role. Women should be "free" in every way. This thought has even entered the church where there are women elders and deacons and even ministers. This battle is designed by Satan to remove Biblical thinking and living from our society.

C. **Battle for Respect and Authority-**Respect for authority is another area of society where a battle is waging. The Bible tells us that God instituted authority in the home, in school, in church and in society and is intended as a blessing. Human beings need structure and authority in order to survive and thrive. But there is a whole generation who have been taught to question, to dispute, to challenge, and even to resist and to reject authority if they do not like the rules. The Bible teaches that, unless those in authority ask us to do something against God's Word, we are to obey. The disregard for authority has resulted in chaos and destruction in many American cities and many communities are increasingly unsafe.

d. Battle for the Borders- America has long been considered the land of opportunity and people from all over the world would like to come here and be a part of it. We have a legal system of immigration which is governed by law and order. But, beneath that system that is an illegal system which is controlled by political interests, financial intrigue and crime and it operates by lies and deceit. God is a God of order and He requires that all things be done decently and in order. Those who follow proper immigration procedures are disheartened by others who are not required to follow the rules.

e. Battle for Unborn Life- This battle has already been going on for decades and it is still raging to the present day. It is also rooted in two completely different world views. One view recognizes that God is the giver of life, that we are created in the image of God, and that God only determines when life should end. The other view considers man as a mere collection of matter, without a soul, and that we should choose ourselves when to begin and end life. Those who hold this view often hide the murderous act of abortion with nice sounding words like "right to choose" but the resulting death of the unborn remains the same.

f. Battle of the Races- Finally, we are witnessing today a very abstract form of prejudice that is re-dividing the races in our country. There are forces who are fanning the flames of suspicion and separation. We hear more and more of White Supremacy, Cancel Culture and Black Lives Matter, Antifa, supposed racial injustices, racial equality, and equity. Where is all this unrest coming from? Unfortunately, some of our leaders profit politically during times of racial unrest, and rather than working to solve these problems they allow them to fester and grow for personal gain.

g. Battle for the Coveted Dollar- The prosperity we experience in America has led many to become materialistic. Honesty, compassion, giving, sharing, love for my neighbor, are all Christian principles. Greed, selfishness, hoarding, and love of temporary possessions stands on the other side. Corporate profit often gets in the way of care for the poor and the oppressed of the world. Even the Christian segment of our society has become so secular and thus-worldly minded.

These things are fundamentally changing America. If it continues, we will soon not recognize a nation that was founded on the principles of God's Word. And that is exactly the goal. Many leaders in our country seem to want to remove all Biblical authority and the influences of a Christian worldview. They want a secular society instead of "one nation under God".

There are probably more "battles" that could be listed that are part of this cultural war. There is so much unrest and turmoil in this broken world. Dear parents and friends, this is the world our children are growing up in. Soon they will take their place as an adult in this divided country. What can we do to help them in their growing up years?

> 1. We should help them understand what is happening, but also why it is happening. These are not just disconnected events. There is a secular worldview that ties them altogether. We should help them understand that what unites these events is a systematic attempt to reject God and His authority.

2. We should also show them where this turmoil and confusion started. In Paradise we choose to establish our own reign. We rebelled against God, and the rebellion we

see happening today is only an extension of the same.

3. We should help them develop a Christian worldview. That means to show them to view life in all of its changes from the light of Scripture. What we see happening should not be a surprise. It is explainable. When much of our adult population has grown up without a church or Christian school, their conscience, their sense of right and wrong is very distorted. Many times, they do not even know that actions can be sinful.

4. We should point to the seeds of rebellion that are manifest in our own lives. It is easy to see the faults in society around us, but that should serve as a mirror to see our own faults. If we see that, we will not be haughty in condemning others, but there will be a certain compassion and pity for others as well as ourselves.

5. We should point them to the only hope there is for us in our day. That is by grace to learn to bow before our offended Maker. That is exactly what we do not really want to do even if we are Reformed and church going people. The time of grace is given to us and to our children for that very purpose. Oh, that the Lord would pour out His Spirit upon us and our children, that we may learn to bow before it is too late.

6. Finally, we may speak of the comfort and security of those who have learned to flee for refuge to the Ark of Safety, the Lord Jesus Christ. There is One who has ascended on high in might to reign Who has promised to never leave or forsake His needy ones. He can give courage and strength for the day. He can give wisdom and discretion, faithfulness, and perseverance. In Him there is rest and safety for all the oppressed.

The Psalmist said, "Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a light upon my pathway". There is no teacher or parent who can provide adequate direction for what seems to be on the horizon, but there is a throne of grace. There the weary may find rest. May each of us find that rest, for ourselves, for our dear children and grandchildren, for our students, and for a coming generation. He has never turned a beggar away.

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Protection of life, family and liberty requires commitment of all

By: Henk Jan van Schothorst

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INTRO:

A new attempt at international standard-setting threatens around the introduction of a so-called "gender theory" and abortion as a human right. Therefore, unborn life, the natural family, and religious and educational freedom must be defended tooth and nail.

This month, Europe is once again the center of ethical and moral lows. Consider the report of Socialist origin that is up for a vote in the European Parliament (EP) this week. The title sounds very compassionate: "the situation of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in the EU from the perspective of women's health." However, it masks a life-threatening content and calls for a multitude of horrors.

A single point in the resolution of some forty pages is about introducing comprehensive sexuality education in schools, supposedly in line with science, age appropriate and non-judgmental, without prior parental consent. The resolution then says to act in line with standards of international organizations such as the World Health Organization and commitments made at the United Nations (UN) International Conference on Population Development. It further calls for free contraception, the abolition of the right to conscientious objection to abortion, and reimbursement for gender reassignment surgery, including on minors.

Most far-reaching, the resolution seeks to establish abortion as an enforceable human right. This deliberately goes against international agreements, treaties and legislation in member states. Not to mention the fact that abortion is not a health issue, and that this subject does not fall within the EP's jurisdiction at all. With united forces we are therefore making efforts with various concerned organizations and MEPs to get rid of this report.

"Divided Nations"

Another concerning report is on the agenda at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on June 24. The so-called UN Independent Expert will then present its "Report on protection against violence and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity." This expert is in fact supposed to investigate this in member states and report on it.

In late 2016, this highly controversial post (with 84 member states in favor, 77 against and 16 abstentions) was added to the UN system. At the first consultation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Geneva, we contributed, "A majority of UN member states did not vote in favor of your mandate. This is due to conflicting world views and religious principles. To our Council it seems that the initiators of this mandate are creating a community of Divided Nations, instead of United Nations. How do you experience this reality and how do you deal with the conflicting visions related to your mandate?"

The experience of the Expert's energetic work and drive to introduce gender as a theory rather than an ideology does not bode well. In line with the 16page input we have provided, we will also be introducing these concerns in an oral statement at the June 24 hearing.

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Earlier this month, President Biden came to Europe. His election and the resulting Democratic majority in the U.S. were a sledgehammer blow to pro-life, pro-family, and pro-religious and pro-educational freedoms, inside and outside the U.S. One of the many examples that illustrate this is the final communiqué of the annual meeting of the Group of Seven (G7, forum of seven rich industrial nations), which took place in the United Kingdom: "A Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better". One goes full on gender equality and SRHR, including abortion, something President Trump prevented.

Furthermore, French President Macron called for close cooperation with the so-called Generation Equality Forum (June 30-July 2 in Paris), which emanates from feminist activists, Mexico, France and the UN Women. They are fighting for accelerated progress on women's rights and gender equality in the run-up to 2030. Our registration and participation in this forum has been confirmed, but we searched the option menu of action coalitions in vain for a group of prolife and family representatives.

Neo-colonial

Finally, this: In various UN germs, voting is not done by head, but decided by consensus. This often prevents rich Western countries from pushing their controversial agenda with abortion, gender and sexual rights in the face of poor countries. Those countries often have more conservative legislation.

Recently, a former representative to the UN sounded the alarm on behalf of his African country. To his horror, he had also read the fine print in the new, binding negotiating result of the EU's Partnership with the 79-country Africa-Caribbean-Pacific (ACP). This result, agreed on April 15, runs to a whopping 187 pages. If the EU member states approve it unanimously, and so do the EP and individual ACP countries, it will go into effect at the end of 2021 for a new 20-year period.

This African was familiar with the fact that international organizations sometimes use verbose language and apparent details. He recognized that through this backdoor the EU was imposing things like the introduction of comprehensive sex education and abortion facilities. However, this goes against legislation in many nations.

We have until December to make this known to MEPs and the group of countries concerned. In the hope that there will be dissenting voices against this new, neo-colonial looking trick of the EU.

Not neutral

Much more could be said about how it came about that these kinds of issues dominate the international agendas. And why not states, but pressure groups and (subsidized) progressive NGOs are the actual drivers of change.

It was only very late that Christian-oriented NGOs understood that goals pursued by or through the UN and the EU such as human rights and "global governance" (regulation of problems that extend across national borders) were anything but neutral and that taking a seat at the table was not a luxury but a necessity. Therefore, all hands on deck in defense of unborn life, the natural family, and religious and educational freedom. The author is founder-director of Transatlantic Christian Council (International) (TCC in the Netherlands, CCI in USA).

Featured! June 23, 2021 - Henk Jan van Schothorst on Hungary's 'anti-gay law'

Hungary is under a lot of fire because of their antigay law. The European commission wants to send a warning letter to the Hungarian government. To what extent does Europe have the right to interfere Hungarian legislation? (Dutch spoken)



Is Christian Education in America in Danger -

The Second 100 Days By: John Van Der Brink

By the time you read this, the new administration will have held office for more than 200 days. The new administration has already introduced new



policies and the radical cultural changes, and more changes are well on their way.

In the last issue, we briefly considered the following Biden/Harris efforts:

- a. Promotion of LGBTQ policies
- b. Promotion of radical sex education policies.
- c. Promotion of state approved textbooks that rewrite our nation's history.
- d. Promotion of a new world view that leaves out Christian values.

e. Promotion of the Equality Act.

Those policies, if left unchecked, will soon reach into almost every area of life in our country. The foundation has already been laid for more laws and policies which directly affect our religious liberties. The freedom that we currently enjoy in our Christian schools will not be protected from their impact. Here are four more issues of concern.

- New Education Secretary Education Secretary Betsy de Vos HAS been replaced by Dr. Miguel Cardona, the first Latino to hold that office as part of the Biden's efforts to diversify his administration. He promises to return to the Obama-era educational policies which promote "equality" measures that penalize parents who cannot afford to opt out of their local public schools, and which ignore Biblical distinctions about sex in the use of public bathrooms, promote immoral sex education in health classes, and push unfair policies in competitions. Basic common sense seems to have escaped many of our leaders.
- 2. Gay Pride Promoted Around the World American Ambassador Peter Hoekstra is being replaced by a new ambassador. Meanwhile, the US Embassy in the Netherland is already proudly displaying the rainbow colors of the sexual revolution and celebrating and promoting gay pride in it policies and on its website. What is remarkable here and in other venues is the forcefulness with which this revolution is being pushed by the Biden administration. Biden has promised to be the most aggressive LGBTQ promoter of all presidents, and he is living up to this promise. Everyone you turn, this agenda is "pushed in your face". Business corporations, political thinktanks, even many religious organizations have become vehicles to make this movement present into everyone everywhere.
- 3. **Promoting Unchristian Ideology** Before the election, groups like Black Lives Matter, Antifa etc. attracted a lot of attention for their riotous destruction of American cities and opposition to the police force, etc. These groups blamed President Trump and his policies for instigating their actions. But

Americans opposed this senseless destruction, and much of this rioting has stopped. But what has not stopped in the promotion of the principles and ideologies of these unchristian groups. The principles of these radical groups emerge in all the daily public discourse and proposed legislation every day in the new Biden administration.

4. Changed Immigration Policies Finally, the immigration policies of the new administration have resulted in the biggest border crises in our nation's history. Illegal immigration from our southern border has run rampant. Waves of people, expecting to be able to cross have so flooded the borders, that officials do not know what to do. Busloads of people who are smuggled across, are literally transported across America to sanctuary cities, and left to melt into society. Some politicians are arguing that these people should be given working papers, medical attention, and even voting rights. It is likely that this influx of people will eventually change the voting demographics of our nation and turn it to a more Democratic leaning. Is this the ultimate purpose of these reckless policies?

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3. We should help them develop a Christian worldview. That means to show them to view life in all of its movements and changes from the light of Scripture. What we see happening should not be a surprise. It is explainable. When much of our adult population has grown up outside a church or Christian school, their conscience, their sense of right and wrong is very distorted. Many times, they do not even know that actions can be sinful. There is no concept of a divine law.

4. We should point to the seeds of rebellion that are manifest in our own lives. It is easy to see the faults in society around us, but that should serve as a mirror to see our own faults. If we see that, we will not be haughty in condemning others, but there will be a certain compassion and pity for others as well as for ourselves. Our society needs to repent, but we also need to repent.

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Campaign

He, she or X? - Standing up for Life, Family and Freedom worldwide right now!



Is your child a boy or girl at birth? That is not clear according to radical forces at the United Nations. They believe that it is not your biological anatomy that determines one's sex – instead it is how you feel. According to them, everyone should be taught that there is a wide variety of sexual orientations and gender identities to choose from. This is the focus of the Human Rights Council which will meet soon in Geneva and later New York.

Watch the video <u>"The War on Children"</u> here, which reveals the most controversial and harmful components of comprehensive sex education (CSE) programs. (With permission from https://familywatch.org/, TCC/CCI has subtitled the film in Dutch).



Whoever dares to speak against this distortion of the Creation is called a perpetrator of hate and their opponents are considered victims. Speaking up will result in being placed on a "black" list.

Anti-discrimination must reign worldwide as a super fundamental right over religious and educational freedom. If that succeeds, our freedom is over and parental authority is in serious danger. We must stand up against this, at the source! (Transatlantic) Christian Council International (TCC-NL and sister CCI-USA) is doing just that. Will you join us?

With your gift we can:

- Defend and promote our input in Geneva and in New York.
- Respect every life and stop gender ideology worldwide.
- Be your voice for life, family and freedom with international organizations and member states.

Our input lies in the recognition of the inherent dignity of every human being as an image-bearer of God that respects the right of every individual to live in freedom, as far as practicable.

Worldwide, Biblical standards for life, family and freedoms are under intense pressure. Mostly rich 'Western' countries and organizations try to impose acceptance of highly controversial issues such as abortion, gender and sexual rights. They see this as an enforceable human right and treat poorer member countries as if they are not free to decide for themselves. Hidden from view, this bitter struggle is taking place in our work fields. We have a voice there!

TCC/CCI, as a non-subsidized non-profit, has already succeeded several times in excluding these matters from final resolutions, such as in March and April in New York and with our consultant to the African Union. But more people and resources are absolutely needed to fight this fight and leverage our expanded capabilities.

Therefore, we ask for your prayers and financial support as we launch the 3-year TCC/CCI project 2021-2023:

'Free, Brave'

For permanent monitoring, control and participation in international organizations, as a competent and officially accredited NGO with the UN, EU, AU, OSCE and with member states such as the US and worldwide.





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