

## Reproductive health ( RH )

The following paragraph is where the majority of references to RH occur.

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*Ensure universal access to sexual and **reproductive health and reproductive rights**, in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences, including universal access to sexual and **reproductive health-care services**, including for family planning, information and education and the integration of **reproductive health** into national strategies and programmes, and recognizing that the human rights of women include their right to have control over and decide freely and responsibly on all matters related to their sexuality, **including sexual and reproductive health**, free of coercion, discrimination and violence, as a contribution to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and the realization of their human rights, including in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes;*

It is important to note that there is a reference to the original Cairo and Beijing documents. The British delegate lamented in his reservation that there had been no “ progress” on RH since Cairo and Beijing. This is excellent news as the pro-abortion countries have made no progress in the last 27 years in promoting a culture of death.

The following countries made interventions in the public debate during CSW on Sexual & Reproductive health & Rights: E.U. , Turkey, Belgium, Ecuador, Fiji, Afghanistan( not the Talliban ) , Iceland, Sweden, Finland, France, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Australia, Nepal, Hati, Benin, Georgia , norway and the USA. Brazil made a reference but qualified it to mention their support of the family and abortion was not to be used as a method of family planning. Armenia qualified their statement to ban gender sex selection.

At the end of these meetings countries make reservations and interpretive statements as there is only a fake consensus. Many countries disagree during negotiation but are shouted down by the strong countries. I have witnessed all this coercion many many time.

The easiest way countries make their unhappiness known is the say that all the document must be interpreted according to their national laws , custom and religion. This rules out abortion on demand. Countries making this kind of reservation were: Saudi Arabia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Brazil, Iran, Yemen, Malaysia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Egypt, UAE, Bahrain, Oman and Kuwait.

But the best reservation is from the Holy See, I cheer when I hear this each year. Since the Beijing conference, in 1995, the Holy See has made three beautiful points.

1. Sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights does not include abortion nor abortifacients.
2. The only licit sex is between a husband and his wife.
3. Gender is just biological sex, male and female only.