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Management Report

Goal

TCC is committed to the development of a transatlantic network of mainly European and American people involved in public policy for our Christian ideas to promote societies and to guarantee sound translations into government policy. TCC affects government policy primarily at international level at international institutions from a Christian perspective. The subsidiarity principle, whereby a higher authority should not do anything what can be given shape by lower authorities is an important starting point. With a core task focused government TCC aims to protect and promote classical freedoms such as freedom of religion and education, freedom of entrepreneurship, pro-life, with the family as the cornerstone of the society. Protecting the position of Christians is an important goal here.

Strategy

TCC connects Christians in a transatlantic network, reflects on government policy and brings the best applications in the public debate and during the shaping of guidelines and policies in international organizations. She develops strategic networks with partners on both sides of the ocean and build up local capacity. TCC has been working for six years now. Important milestones on the way in the first year were the inaugural conference in Brussels on December 4, 2013, in the second year the events in the Library of Congress and in the Capitol in Washington D.C. from 10-12 September 2014, and in 2015 the acquisition of the tax-free ANBI status with retroactive effect force after a process of 2.5 years. And in 2016 the acquisition of the Advisory Status at the United Nations and other international organizations.

Accreditation with international organizations is an important tool. This gives TCC authorizations to effectively translate its objectives into policies or influence them on places where that is made. That competence includes the right to attend official meetings, introduce written positions in advance, to speech at meetings, meet official government delegations, organize parallel events during meeting sessions and participate in debates, interactive dialogues, panel discussions and informal meetings. At the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE - in Vienna and Warsaw) and at the United Nations (UN - mainly in New York, Vienna and Geneva), TCC uses these authorizations. At European institutions like the European Union (EU) in Brussels and Strasbourg, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA - Vienna) TCC also has accredited access.

Results

At the invitation and on its own initiative, TCC has actively spread its ideas mainly in Europe and North America. In Christian circles and beyond, with politicians, academics, diplomats, senior officials, businessmen, NGOs, journalists, think tanks and supporters. Issues under pressure such as freedom of education, religion, the family and safety were central. TCC turned out to be a welcome Transatlantic connection of Christians at government level and effective networks were built.

With further action via media and input to politicians, public policy from a Christian Perspective was protected and encouraged. An overview of specific activities carried out you can find in this annual report.

Evaluation

Already from the evaluation of recent years it emerged that the main focus of the activities, in addition to vision development, TCC would be more focused on advocacy and lobbying. In particular with the accreditations we have been followed up this. The processes of applications at the OSCE and the UN were started at the beginning of 2015, and positively completed at the last in July 2016. This is more focused interpretation of the statutory objectives and the actual work of TCC mentioned in the 2014-2016 and 2017-2019 policy plan and in particular the verbs mentioned therein: develop, promote, influence, encourage and protect. The niche area increasingly focuses towards international organizations and the focus areas on life, family and freedoms such as freedom of religion and education. At the same time we keep our eyes open for further possibilities. The fight against the strongly emerging gender ideology has become an important topic in the work of TCC.

2019 and beyond

The board agrees with the proposal and budget for a 3-year project from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. Title is: "For Life, Family and Freedom at UN, EU and OSCE And Strengthening Transatlantic Band (NL-US)" with the motto: " Vrij onverveerd, Uw dienaar 't allen stond "

With this, we will first of all use our consultative status with international organizations such as the United Nations, the European Union and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to strengthen the protection of classical freedoms and to reverse the attack of threatening secularism. Secondly, as irreplaceable allies, we will strengthen transatlantic ties in various ways. To be able to do this work properly, we want to be able to have permanent supervision of the aforementioned international organizations and member states. Substantial financial support is a precondition for this.

Bodegraven, 11 July 2019
H.J. van Schothorst
Chairman / Director

January

January 8: Workshop from teachers Hoornbeeck Amersfoort about Gender ideology

For the second year in a row, TCC was invited to give workshops on Gender Ideology and what TCC does against it. We are delighted by the interest in our work and the subject. Action against the intrusive gender ideology is urgently needed.



January 10: Press conference USA Ambassador Hoekstra at his Residence in The Hague [HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg 10 jan.](#)

Welcome to the Netherlands dear Mr. Ambassador, together with your family. You did a very good job at the press conference at your residence, right after presenting your credentials to His Majesty King Willem-Alexander. And I mean what I said: we pray for you, and God bless you!



January 24 morning: Brussels Council

TCC was invited to a network meeting of the Brussels council. This is a consultation platform from the Dutch Reformed School Education Association (VGS) consisting of European school leaders and politicians. Although education does not belong within the competence of the EU, it is nevertheless good to monitor the policies that are being made here. Guidelines on, for example, human rights that can be imposed on education, for example with a subject such as gender ideology. Todd Huizinga and Henk Jan van Schothorst participated in this meeting representing TCC. This resulted, among other things, in an invitation for Henk Jan to speak in Sofia in May at a conference for Christian teachers and school leaders – you can read more about this further down in the newsletter).



January 24 afternoon: Family7: highlighted! - Henk Jan van Schothorst about the genderdiscussion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HhduaJb72A>

TCC Lustrum Events January 24 The Hague Nieuwspoord and January 25 Driestar educatief Gouda

<http://www.tccouncil.org/news-events/events/past-events>

Transatlantic Christian Council (TCC) was established on January 28, 2013 and has been in existence for almost five years. Against all odds, TCC has grown into an internationally recognized network and lobbying organization. To reflect on this, TCC organized two fascinating meetings. With those directly involved, we look back and also looked to the future in the field of work of TCC.

24 januari: Holland-Amerika Lijn - Onvervangbaar!

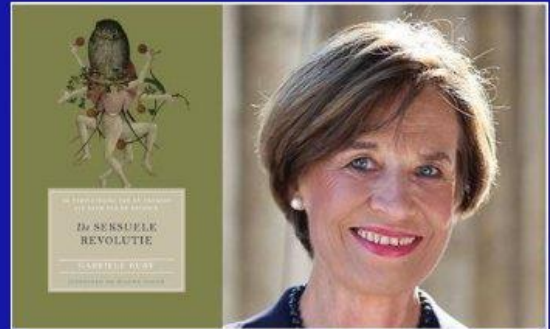


24 januari - Nieuwspoor, Lange Poten 10, 2511CL, Den Haag

Nederland en Amerika - actuele thema's – Kees van der Staaij,
Partijleider SGP

Nederland en 1 jaar Trump – Wim Kranendonk, Reformatorisch
Dagblad

25 januari: TCC versus Genderideologie



25 januari - Driestar educatief, Burg. Janssingel 2, 2803PD, Gouda

Genderideologie – Gabriele Kuby uit Duitsland,
presentatie boek 'De Seksuele Revolutie'



January 25: Publication Telegraaf page TCC: 'Trump wil Amerika verenigen' (Trump wants to unite America)

<http://www.tccouncil.org/sites/default/files/9%20Binnenland.9%2C%20TP%2025-01-2018%2C%20NL%201%20-%20Binnenland.compressed.pdf>

February

February 13: Donor law adopted in Senate

This afternoon our body has been unconstitutional (art. 11) relegated to state ownership with 38-36 in Senate over #donorwet. If you don't get it, why not just take it ?! With inadequate regulations, 'the field' has to interpret and establish protocols. #slipperyslope Scary!



February 23: Anti-Semitism Symposium in Amsterdam

[HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg 23 feb.](#)

Exclusion often starts with 'delegitimization'. With Jews: delegation of their identity, race, religion and now also their country. Heard this at an impressive symposium this morning by @BasBelderMEP @ecrgroup about worrying increase in #antisemitism. Israel hatred new hatred for Jews. Shalom!



March

March 3: Conference in Georgia

[HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg 3 mrt.](#)

Had the privilege to address young Christian leaders in a fruitful conference in Tbilisi, Georgia on Christian politics in Eastern and Western Europe. Georgia, a heavily contested Christian Caucasian island-country, is a pearl and example of how to stick to Christian values. [#ycd](#)



TCC at the UN-Humanrights Commission in Geneva on 23 and 28 March and April 3 for Right to Life

[Henk Jan van Schothorst](#) is ✈ London its way to [Schiphol](#) from [Geneva Airport Gate D23](#).
[23 maart](#) · [Genève, Zwitserland](#) ·

When you got up at 5 am this morning and you are in Geneva at your second meeting at 10:00 am, now on the 18-expert Human Dights Committee, the staff suddenly appears to be on strike. In particular for the adoption of an Article 6 Comment (Right to Life), I had just gone. The following sections (which aim to normalize abortion and euthanasia yes: you read that correctly) would be discussed. That will be next week. I then went to a final meeting of the 47 member states Human Rights Council, again in a completely different building. A resolution was adopted there on UN Agenda 2030. It goes on and on. After a lunch meeting with a Spanish friend and fellow combatant, now quickly back on the road to the Netherlands. Tonight a meeting with Hans Wiegel on the agenda.



March 23: Entrepreneur evening with Hans Wiegel in Oudewater

[HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg 23 mrt.](#)

How wonderful it is to come home from Geneva with an evening @hans_wiegel, @PieterVerhoeve and other friends!



[Henk Jan van Schothorst](#) is bij

March 28 · Genève, Zwitserland · Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Early in the morning, I parked the 65-NL-BH at Schiphol for the participation in a meeting in Geneva on the adoption of an international standard on the new view of Article 6 (Right to Life) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The explanation is moving towards the direction of Right OVER Life (or right to / about death). This revision has been on its way since 2015. TCC has been involved in this debate from the beginning. From 10-13 a.m. the last 3 of the 9 sentences of paragraph 9 about abortion from the interpreting General Commentary have been negotiated. We made the wording of various points increasingly more mild.

But the adopted text is still saddening. Mostly for so many innocent unborn children. Denying their Right to Life. Generations sacrificed to the right claimed by people about life and death. However: Every life belongs to God! (How dare we ?!) Next week, par. 10 will be discussed, about euthanasia. Again in Palais Wilson, on Lake Geneva, in the room attached to the photo on the far right on the 1st floor. We work and lobby for the best possible result. Pro-Life, at the cutting edge.

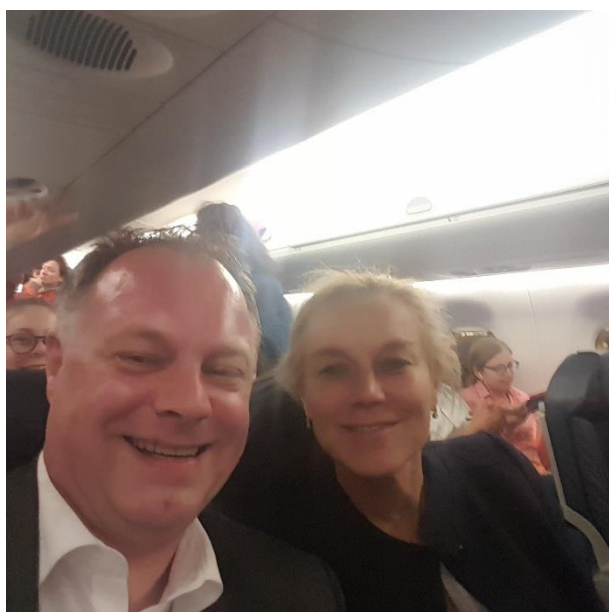


April

[April 3: Sigrid Kaag](#)

[HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg](#)

Unexpectedly seated next to each other in KLM tonight. Had a pleasant meeting with Minister [@SigridKaag](#) after a long meeting day in Geneva. This minister deserves (certainly as far as I am concerned - with some differences of opinion) a compliment for the open way in which she fulfils her mandate!



[April 5: Group Hoornbeeck students with TCC to the European Parliament in Brussels](#)

[HenkJanvanSchothorst](#) Retweeted

[@MaartenvandeFliert](#) [Apr 5](#)

Particularly nice visit with good discussion from Hoornbeeck College Gouda to Eurofraction [@christenunie](#) [@SGPnieuws](#) with [@tccouncilorg](#), and with employees of Member of the European Parliament [@petervdalen](#)



[5 april](#) [Henk Jan van Schothorst](#)

The government's Emancipation Note is full of gender madness!

Retweeted Roelof Bisschop (@BisschopRoelof):

The government's Emancipation Note is full of gender madness! Time for a reply:

<https://www.sgp.nl/actueel/roelof-bisschop-stop-staatsgeleide-genderindoctrinatie-/8946>

April 6: Christian Network for the Family

[HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg 6 apr.](#)

HenkJanvanSchothorst Retweeted RD.nl

TCC is happy to contribute to building a Christian network around the natural family, referred to in our Mission Statement: 'the fundamental building block of society'

<https://www.rd.nl/sgp-zet-christelijk-netwerk-rond-gezin-op-1.1478993>

<https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2018/04/09/sgp-wil-pro-family-netwerk-voor-het-traditionele-gezin-a1598752>



April 19: Platform Standards and Values: TCC contribution on theme: 'Gender neutral? Oh yeah?'

The Platform for Standards and Values is a consultative body with mainly representatives of ecclesiastical and social organizations who signals, discusses and encourages new social developments. For more info: <https://www.rmu.nu/waardenennormen>. Van Schothorst's contribution is included in the Reformatorisch Maatschappelijke Unie magazine (<https://www.rmu.nu>) in April 2018, Number 2.



April 21: Celebration of 100 years of SGP

[HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg Apr. 21.](#)

A beautiful celebration of 100 years [@SGPnieuws](#) with many friends was graced by a good speech from the always cheerful, humorous and approachable prime minister [@markrutte](#). Had a nice conversation with him during lunch and told him among other things about Transatlantic Christian Council.



April 26: Offer an Artwork 100 year old SGP to Parliament

In the context of the 100th anniversary of the SGP, it was decided to hand over a gift (work of art) to the Parliament. The intention is that the artwork is handed over to the chairman of the First and Second Chamber. The two helpful trainees at TCC, Anne Maaïke de Groot and Carla van den Bergh of the Driestar College were there, took a picture with Kees van der Staaij and listened to the word of thanks from Second Chamber President Khadija Arib.



April 26-28: Contribution to conference in Novi Sad, Serbia

[Henk Jan van Schothorst](#) is present at [Economic Diplomacy and Integrity](#) at [CitiHotel Veliki - Novi Sad](#).

[April 28 at 17:36](#) · [Novi Sad, Serbia](#) ·

Contribution given on behalf of SGP international (VOE) to conference in Serbia on the requested topic: "Christians in Politics - Foundational Principles of a Functional, Democratic and Tolerant Society". It worked out that a well-functioning democracy has at least two basic characteristics: a good moral basis and honest leaders.



May

May 7: Christian School visit US Ambassador Pete Hoekstra, plus the cities of Gouda and Oudewater

<http://www.tccouncil.org/news-events/news/2018/vs-ambassadeur-hoekstra-maakt-kennis-met-reformatorisch-onderwijs-nederland-en>



Gouda, 7 mei 2018

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PRESS RELEASE

US Ambassador Hoekstra is introduced to reformational education in the Netherlands and the cities of Gouda and Oudewater

On Monday, US Ambassador Hoekstra was in Gouda. He has been in the Netherlands since January and would like to be informed about education in our country, including the reformational version. He first visited the *Driestar College* for secondary education. He attended the week's opening and addressed a class of students. Other schools and institutions also presented themselves during a meeting at *Hogeschool Driestar Educatief*, such as the *Hoornbeeck College* for vocational education. With these three schools, the ambassador immediately became acquainted with schools that are considered the best in the Netherlands. The Association for Reformed School Education (VGS) was also present to explain Article 23 of the Constitution on freedom of education. The visit was made at the initiative of the Transatlantic Christian Council (TCC). This

organization is committed to the development of transatlantic networks and policy influencing at governments and international organizations from a Christian perspective, with extra focus on topics such as life, family and freedom, such as religion and education.

A lunch at the Old Town Hall with Gouda mayor Shoemaker, ambassador Hoekstra and representatives of TCC and a visit to the Sint Janskerk closed off the visit to Gouda.

The delegation then went to Oudewater where it was received and shown around the city by the Oudewaterse mayor Verhoeve. A reception with mainly local businessmen closed the visit to this more than 750 year old city.

For more information you can contact Henk Jan van Schothorst, director of Transatlantic Christian Council - 06 558 38 607 – hjvanschothorst@tccouncil.org – www.tccouncil.org





May 9: Family7: Highlighted! - Henk Jan van Schothorst about canceling Irandeal.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuMaGu8MFBA>

May 11-12: TCC contribution to education conference in Sofia, Bulgaria

[HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg](mailto:HenkJanvanSchothorst@tccouncil.org) May 12

Just back home from Sofia Bulgaria, did <http://tccouncil.org> workshop on 'Global Governance and Genderideology-The struggle for 'the'child at the UN and how it affects us' at <http://www.eureca-online.org/conferences/> : overall theme: The impact that Christian educators can have within a nation.





Peter Smith 3 times to New York for TCC



Report on United Nations Meetings , Jan to April 2018

NGO committee 29 Jan to 7 Feb

I attend this meeting each year to assist good NGOs through the accreditation process.

I had a particular NGO who I was trying to help and the CEO turned up in New York and had not Organized to get a pass into the UN. So I will be helping this chap in May. There is another NGO called PFOX (Parents and Friends Of gays and X-Gays). I have been trying to get a vote on this NGO who was been deferred many years.

This is also a perfect venue to meet new delegates coming to New York.

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 12 to 23 March

This meeting attracts the most radical feminist and pro-abortion NGOs in the world. With a lot of hard work encouraging the US and other pro-life countries we got a quite good document. The sex education wording could have been better. There was only one paragraph on Sexual and Reproductive Health with no mention of rights. They tried to get a reference to “women and girls in all their diversity” but this was deleted. What was most encouraging was the statements from some pro-abortion NGOs who were at the meeting and despaired as they were making “no progress”.

A summary is at :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJV7gwISdUY>

Commission on Population & Development (CPD) 9 to 13 April

I again hosted Prof Teresa Collett from the University of St Thomas, Minnesota, along with twelve of her law students. We went to two Missions and had briefings with several friendly delegates. This extra show of numbers helps encourage the pro-life countries. On the Thursday evening we learnt that the EU was not happy with a very reasonable document. On Friday afternoon the USA and the African Group rejected a very bad pro-abortion chairman's text. My talking point was, "No document is better than a bad document". That was the third time CPD had no outcome document in the past four years.

A summary is at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYGXevN_QGM

Peter Smith

17 April 2018

Short biography Peter Smith

Peter Smith



Chief Administrative Officer to the UN

For Transatlantic Christian Council

Peter Smith was born in Hobart Tasmania, Australia. He grew up on a large farm and was the first in his family to obtain a University degree, obtaining a Bachelor of Engineering in 1973. He worked in industry and government for sixteen years, as a professional engineer, in senior and middle management.

Peter got converted the first time he heard the Gospel on 28th November 1980 at a BBQ in Melbourne, Australia. He felt a call to study Theology full time in Glasgow, Scotland in 1986 and spent two years at the Bible Training Institute. While at this college he first got involved with the pro-life group the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

In 1994 he began working for SPUC on a full-time basis and has attended UN meetings in New York and around the world since January 1995. This work included a leadership role with the coalition of Pro/Life, Pro/Family NGOs from around the world. They advocated for the following issues, pro-life,

pro-family , parental rights , religious belief and national sovereignty. He is currently writing a book on his first ten years of work at the UN. In total he would have attended over 140 meetings and knows many diplomats from countries all around the world. He is an expert networker and gets on well with people from all areas of the globe. Since 1996 he has also represented the International Right to Life Federation at the UN.

He has written many articles on Pro-Life issues in the UK and overseas. Also he has spoken at many pro-life conferences and training session and preached in many churches in the UK, Netherlands, USA, Poland, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Kenya, Trinidad and Australia. He was also active in the Brexit process giving a speech at a Christian conference on why the UK should leave the EU.

His family were always active in their communities, his father, uncle and grandfather were all local counsellors on Bruny Island, Tasmania where they lived.

Since November 2017 he has been working, as a consultant for TCC representing them at the UN in New York. He has attended four meetings in 2018 and plans two more visits to New York later in the year.

He is married with three adult children and three grandchildren and resides in Prestwick, Scotland, United Kingdom.

He has a youtube channel: Peter Smith – Pro Life Ministries

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=peter+smith+pro+life+ministries

Blog: Peter Smith Pro-Life Ministries

<http://petersmithpro-lifeministries.blogspot.com>

Follow him on twitter: @PeterCamSmith

May 31: Greengroup SGP and June 1: Meeting SGP Entrepreneurial Platform - Parliament The Hague

"The fluttering of the national flag is a welcoming emblem of the independence of the country."

Groen van Prinsterer, The Dutch Missionary Society (1848)

With the above quotation from Groen and the following stimulating question, the theme for this SGP evening was announced on 31 May, 19.30 in the House of Representatives (Dreiskamer), for continued study and memory of statesman Groen (also important for TCC): Symbol politics

"Politics lives by grace of the word and Christian politics lives by grace of the Word. At the same time, symbols seem to work at least as strongly as words on many citizens. For example, the proposal to let the national tricolor flutter in parliament gives some a deep sense of belonging, while it works on others like a red lap on a bull. How should Christians actually deal with national symbols? Can we make healthy use of it or should we keep ourselves away from any hint of nationalism? Which symbols should Christians be written for? We cannot go around the cross at any rate. After all, it is the center of the Christian message and it has traces its traces deep in the history of Europe. What place should the cross take in the message of Christians in contemporary politics? For example, what light does the cross cast on debates about 'complete life'? "

This evening, Prof. A. van de Beek gave an introduction to us. He is professor emeritus of symbolism at the VU University Amsterdam and also works at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa.

June

Photo 2: On 1 June Henk Jan van Schothorst was invited to take part in a fascinating meeting of the Entrepreneur platform of SGP. Minister Wiebes of Economic Affairs held a fascinating speech there, as well as Chris Stoffer, Lower House member of the SGP.



May and June: Two interns from Driestar College at TCC

TCC had the pleasure of hosting two interns from Driestar College around the May holiday. They have done very useful work for TCC, such as translating various documents into English. They also did a good job at the visit of the American Ambassador Hoekstra to Driestar College and Gouda on 7 May. On 6 June, the students reported on an entrepreneurial evening at the Driestar College at the Business2School event.

(https://nl.usembassy.gov/ambassador-hoekstra-visits-gouda-and-oudewater/?_ga=2.63648047.1471043874.1533663037-260815345.1533111349)



June 9: Interview with Todd Huizinga about Transatlantic Relations in Reformatorisch Dagblad

Intro editors: 'The love between America and Europe seems chilled. Especially now that Washington has canceled the nuclear agreement with Iran. Or is this just a modest argument in a well-functioning marriage? Todd Huizinga: "We are still the most important allies in the world". '

For the article, [click here](#). For the PDF version, [click here](#).



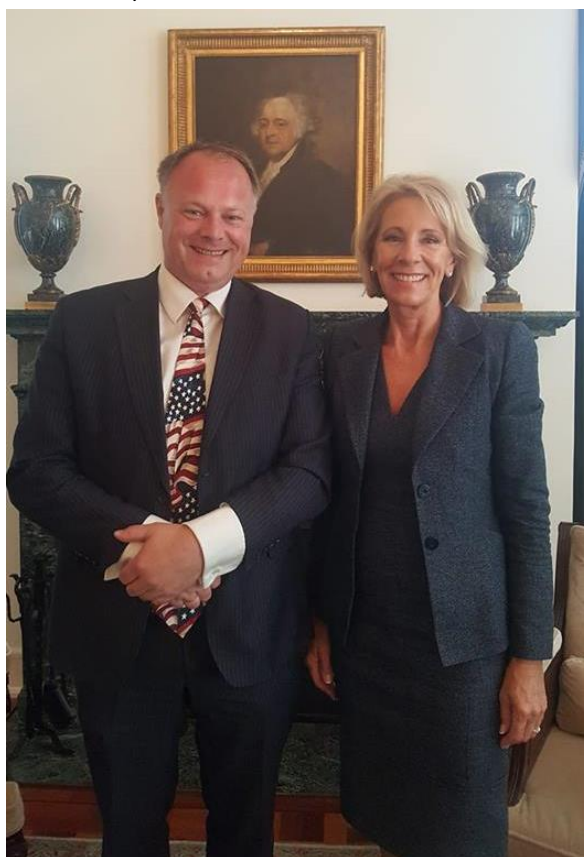
11 June: Meeting with US Minister of Education Betsy DeVos at Ambassadeur Hoekstra residence

[Henk Jan van Schothorst, 11 juni · Twitter](#)

Had a great meeting with inspiring US Secretary of Education @BetsyDeVosED on Dutch educational system, it's various school choice options, the importance of well working parent associations and freedom of education, with @DickDeVos and @usambnl at his residence.

@usembthehague <https://t.co/lZI7o5i6Ro>

(<https://nl.usembassy.gov/u-s-secretary-of-education-betsy-devos-visits-the-netherlands/#.WylTzyq97Fw.twitter>)



11 June: Business Network drink Bodegraven with Gert Jan Segers - Head of ChristenUnie - for World Servants

In the context of a fundraising evening of five young people to help build and renovate a cocoa center in Ecuador, Gert Jan Segers talked about politics, business and volunteer work. Preferably in Bodegraven, a home game. It was, as always with Gert Jan, a beautiful and inspiring evening!



18 June - 6 July: UN Human Rights Council, 38th Session, Geneva - In-depth Contribution [HenkJanvanSchothorst @tccouncilorg](https://twitter.com/tccouncilorg)

My main contribution at the 38th session of the UN Human Rights Council (Geneva, 18 June-6 July 2018): [http://www.tccouncil.org/news-events/news/2018/open-consultatie-over-wettelijke-erkenning-van-gender-identiteit-gen%C3%A8ve-26 ...](http://www.tccouncil.org/news-events/news/2018/open-consultatie-over-wettelijke-erkenning-van-gender-identiteit-gen%C3%A8ve-26...) As input for the report of the UN Expert Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity for the UN General Assembly in New York October'18



Report and contribution:

Bodegraven, June 20, 2018

Report of meeting and presentation Transatlantic Christian Council to open Consultation of the Independent Expert on 19 June at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva

June 18

At day 1 of the 38th session of the Human Rights Council, which lasts from June 18 - July 6, right after the opening of the session with some dignitaries as UK Secretary of State Boris Johnson, the newly appointed Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Victor Madrigal-Borloz was on the agenda. (<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/SexualOrientationGender/Pages/Index.aspx>).

As if this topic is number 1 priority of a 3 week all day Human Rights Council session, he got the floor in order to explain his report (<https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G18/132/12/PDF/G1813212.pdf?OpenElement>) and to obtain views from member-states, multi-lateral agencies and a list of 64 ngo's (attached). Only states who were highly positive on the Sogi mandate came up with a response to him and asked questions as how they could best be of help to smoothen the implementation Sogi mandate.

The states which voted against the Sogi mandate holder were largely absent or only responded on the 'Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of associations', who was clustered with the SOGI Expert on the agenda.

As can be seen from the attached list the vast majority of the ngo's was in favor of the Sogi mandate.

June 19

Next day, June 19, I'd seen announced on the webpage of the IE SOGI (<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/SexualOrientationGender/Pages/LegalRecognition.aspx>): 'Open Consultation on Legal Recognition of Gender Identity and Destigmatization through Depathologization'. As objectives of this consultation the expert wanted to:

- exchange views on legal recognition of gender identity and destigmatization linked with depathologization (for those who did not know what that means: The process of coming to regard a formerly medical condition as a health or behaviour condition.);
- Highlight possible good practices and gaps at international, regional and national levels on the two topics of the consultation;
- Offer a platform of dialogue between participants for exchange experiences, knowledge and lessons learned.

The information obtained can be used for the IE's report to the General Assembly, to be presented in October 2018.

The IE was clear that he uphold the 6 underpinnings for the mandate as presented and explained by his predecessor Vitit Muntarbhorn (stepped down because of health reasons) at the former consultation on January 24 and 25 in 2017. The first two underpinnings (criminalization of same-sex relations and effective anti-discrimination measures) were elaborated in the mandate's 2017 report, the third and fourth (gender Identity and depathologization) will be central in the upcoming October report.

However, I was never answered on my over 20 fundamental orally and clearly presented questions on the underpinnings of the mandate at the consultation on January 25, 2017. Therefore I choose not to be ngo number 65 in the plenary session with only 2 minutes speaking time in a long row, but to attend this consultation and to re-introduce that over 20 fundamental questions, again in a 5 minute speech. Especially because the new IE elaborated on linchpin 4, where some of my questions related to.

When I arrived in the morning of June 19 at the main UN meeting building, the meeting was not announced on the meeting-screens. It was also not around main room XX, but through a long

corridor in another building in Room XI. Despite of that not over-public announcement (I saw it by chance on the IE SOGI web page) the room was completely crowded with (I guess and counted the chairs) about 20 pro-sogi-states representatives and over 100 mainly LGBTIQ people or representatives of their organizations. The meeting was from 10a.m.-1p.m. Like I did to Vitit Muntarbhorn I went before the meeting to new IE SOGI Victor Madrigal-Borloz, shake hands and said him that my contribution would not represent his views, but that it was on issues and not against him or anyone else. 'That's why we are here', he responded rightly and I fully agreed.

Contribution



Contribution Transatlantic Christian Council to

Open Consultation on Legal Recognition of Gender Identity and Destigmatization through Depathologization

Mandate: Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity

Geneva, 19 June 2018 – 10:00 to 13:00, Palais des Nations, Room XI

Dear Independent Expert on SOGI, dear Mr. V(ictor) Madrigal-Borloz,

On behalf of and as director of the Transatlantic Christian Council, an organization with special consultative status at the United Nations, I would like to thank you for providing the opportunity to exchange views and to ask some questions. We do so in a friendly way, but we are looking for clarity. The background is that we are concerned.

It is no secret that your mandate has been highly controversial from the outset. A majority of Member states of the UN did not vote in favor of your mandate. [Geneva HRC June 2016: In favor 23, Against 18, Abstentions 6; New York UNGA end 2016: In favor: 84, Against: 77, Abstentions: 16]. This

is because of conflicting worldviews and religious principles. To our Council it seems that the promoters of this mandate are creating a community of Divided Nations, rather than United Nations. [Q(uestion) 1] How do you experience this reality and how will you address the opposing views related to your mandate?

Your recommendation 81 (d) (in Report A/HRC/38/43) states: 'Open up dialogue with opinion leaders, including religious leaders, to foster an approach that respects sexual and gender diversity, and integrate this dialogue into the educational and socialization process for empathy from a young age;'.

It seems you plan to try to reconcile vastly different worldviews. [Q 2] Do you attempt to identify and disseminate all-inclusive interpretations of religion and other beliefs with space for gender diversity?

[Q 3] Are you saying that you intend to convince or explain to religions how they should interpret their own beliefs? [Q 4] Will you respect religious, political and community leaders if their views are opposite or different from your views on LGBT issues? [Q 5] Or will you assume your views are to

replace theirs?

Also, [Q 6] what is meant by ‘enable LGBTI people to associate fully in family life’ as your predecessor mentioned it? (He left this question unanswered, I raised it in the NGO-consultation meeting in

Geneva on January 25, 2017). [Q 7] Is this still a goal? [Q 8] And if so, is this referring to same-sex marriage or adoption of children by same-sex couples and the legal recognition of that? That seems to be the case since you write in a positive way in your report on ‘equal marriage’ and ‘diverse families’ (par 4, 35 and 62) and ‘adoption of children by persons of the same sex’ (par 14 in Argentina). [Q 9] Will you respect the fact that most nations maintain that marriage is between a man and a woman? [Q 10] Do you see it as your task and in the boundaries of your mandate to overturn such laws?

According to UN consensus documents, it is the natural parents who are responsible for the upbringing of their children according to their own beliefs, not UN experts. In light of the UN convention of the Rights of the Child, wherein it states that children have the right to know and cared for by their parents, [Q 11] have you considered the rights of the child in these matters? [Q 12] Are you aware of the abundant research showing that children do best when raised by both their mother and father? [Q 13] Does that make enough sense or are the desires or alleged rights of adults more important than this basic right of the child?

In your recommendations (par 97) education is mentioned several times as a tool or instrument. Such as ‘to design and conduct public campaigns, including on sexual education and to formulate education policies to address harmful social and cultural bias, misconceptions and prejudice’. Together with your first recommendation (par 89), where you state that ‘States must adopt a combination of laws, policies and other measures tailored to a specific context’, leads to a question on your view and position towards the equal status of fundamental freedoms.

There are lots of faith-based schools, hospitals and other religious associations and organizations worldwide. [Q 14] Will you respect such fundamental freedoms as the freedom of religion, association and education within these institutions?

[Q 15] Is it your intention to promote that states and schools have to allow transgenders or gender fluid people to use the toilets, locker rooms and showers of the opposite sex? Such policies are tried in some Western countries but will hopefully be soon overturned especially because of the insecurity, uncertainty and inconvenience they create. The majority of the world’s people find such policies to be unacceptable as they put women and girls especially at greater risk for abuse. For our Council and for many states and many people your mandate raises more questions and concerns than it gives answers and solutions.

Some final questions.

[Q 16] Will you respect the sovereignty of states? [Q 17] How do you plan to hold states accountable on discrimination when no international agreement exists on the legal definition of SOGI or SOGI discrimination? [Q 18] Do you consider freedom of religion to be subservient to anti-discrimination? These are all questions of critical importance.

Dear Expert, we look forward to your responses.

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Annex: Scientific Evidence blessings and support natural family life (2-pager), as you asked for in your response.



Different from the January 2017 consultation, where we had (only) the good old Ruben Navarro on our side - I quote a paragraph from his report on that meeting as Annex - I now was the only one with a strongly dissenting voice. After several states, TCC was among the first 10 speakers from the room. Like in 2017, again you could hear a pin drop when I presented my contribution. In contrast with his other proceedings, where the IE after a couple of contributions responded with a short thank you and response, he choose to directly react on my contribution, also about 5 minute long. Unfortunately the meeting was not recorded on video. Therefore I can only share some of the things which he responded from my short notes and remembrance of yesterday.

His response was quite fierce.

- * First he said that a majority of member-states have voted in favor of establishing the IE SOGI and that I should have done my research better. [But I was right: 84 states in favor, 77 against and 16 abstentions in December 2016 in New York where I was present: A majority of member-states did not vote in favor of this mandate].

- * Then he said that he was appointed as IE SOGI and that we should not look back to that kind of past discussions but forward to the implementation of the mandate.

- * Then he commented on some words he had noted from my contribution, such as abuse, push, controversial sexual lifestyles and identities, bathroom wars, pressure, coerce. He 'kindly invited' me to change these words because such harsh wording would feel intimidating for the people in the room and elsewhere. He felt my presentation as aggressive with these wordings.

- * He also asked for sending him scientific evidence (at the latest this coming Friday June 22) which supports claimed facts such as:

- that marriage between a man and a woman is best and maintained by most nations;
- abundant research shows that children do best when raised by both their mother and father;
- that a majority of the world's people find such policies (as allowing transgenders and gender fluid people to use the toilets, locker rooms and showers of the opposite sex) to be unacceptable and also if it was a fact that it put especially women and girls at a greater risk for abuse.

- * He also said that he only would 'continue dialogue within the boundaries of the mandate' (as he sees it), and that he therefore made the exception to directly and extensively respond to me in order to make this very clear.

After this kind of reprimand I followed the meeting and listened to the other contributions. At the end I went straight to the IE in order to clarify some things and I expressed my sincere wish to work with him, though with different views, on a mutually respectful and friendly personal basis. Which was really the case between Vitit and me. This resulted again in a quite lengthy conversation, where I showed me prepared to look at some wordings of my contribution and he asking why and what I had against the people concerned. I said: Nothing, they are all of equal value, all equally created in the image of God, and that I love all of them. What then the problem was. I said that I would not prevent people from living different lifestyles, but that also people who have different views should be able and have the right to for example (let) educate their children in freedom according to their own views. Also at schools, and that freedom of education and religion should be equally respected. I said

that many people, as Christians, which I also am (or try to be), believe in the truth (from higher Hand) of the Bible. In light of that he asked my views on several types of relationships, if I really believed that they were not good or acceptable. Then I responded: 'I am not God.', meaning that I believe that what God has revealed onto us in the Bible is the indisputable and real truth, also on relationships. - Then he stepped back and he very decisively said: 'This is the limit of our conversation.' I asked why, if it was not possible for him to separate issues from persons and asked if he was prepared to have a picture with me and him. No, he said, that could give the impression that we could have common ground and that was not the case. I said: Vitit was happy to do so. He responded: I am not Vitit. A loose handshake was a last thing he could't refuse.

Some conclusions without being complete:

- The new IE SOGI seems to be more 'radical' (if I may say so) than the previous one
- You are welcome to send scientific evidence on things mentioned above at at the latest on this Friday June 22
- We might consider as organizations/persons to undersign a common letter to the new IE by Friday. Input welcome.
- I have promised him to send my contribution and some supporting docs by this Friday

Undoubtedly more can be said about this meeting, but I leave it at this (late) moment. Suggestions, ideas and response welcome.

I have on record the US response on the SOGI Expert from Monday, which could have been more powerful I think (but was better than all Europeans together), but what might have been one of the last US interventions of the US before their withdrawal from HRC, a step which I can understand very well and which I highly respect!

June 28: Faith & Freedom Summit in Brussels attended

http://www.acreurope.eu/event/faith_and_freedom_summit



July

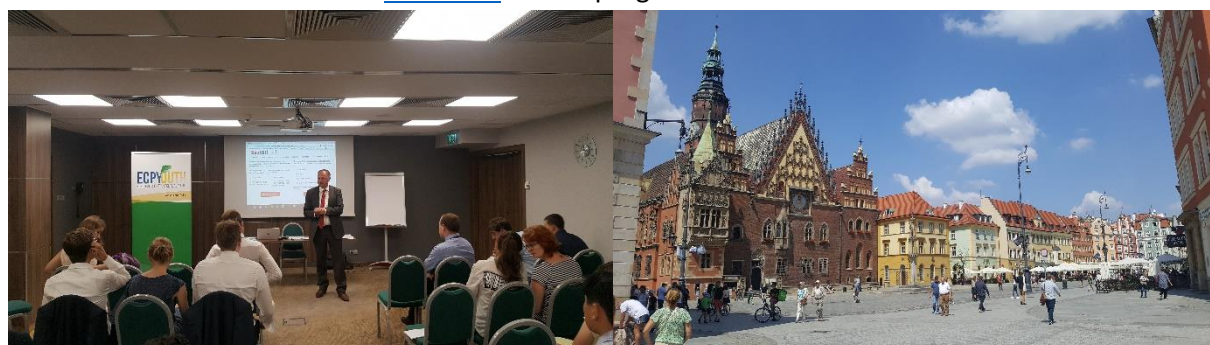
July 4: Celebration Independence Day op Ambassade VS, Den Haag

<https://nl.usembassy.gov/embassy-celebrates-the-american-road-trip-on-independence-day/>



July 23, Lecture about work TCC for ECPYouth in Wroclaw, Polen

Lecture "Lobbying for Human Dignity at an International Level" by Mr Henk Jan van Schothorst, Transatlantic Christian Council. [Click here](#) for the program.



July 26:

[Todd Huizinga in "Kresta in the Afternoon", radio interview with Ave Maria Radio, based in Detroit](#)

The interview was broadcast on the program "Kresta in the Afternoon," hosted by Al Kresta, who is a broadcaster, journalist, author and President and CEO of Ave Maria Radio.

Here's some info on Kresta in the Afternoon, from Ave Maria Radio's website:

"Heard on more than 350 stations and Sirius Satellite, Kresta in the Afternoon looks at all areas of life through the lens of Scripture and the teaching of the Catholic Church and takes on all comers. Over the years, Al has engaged in vigorous discussions or debates with nationally known figures from politics, the arts, the Church, academia and business such as Mother Angelica, Jesse Jackson, John McCain, Gloria Steinem, Cuba Gooding Jr., Scott Hahn, Rick Santorum, Judge Robert Bork, Jerry Falwell, Pat Buchanan, Mrs. Anwar Sadat, Martin Luther King III, Jack Kevorkian, John Cardinal O'Connor, Chuck Colson, Archbishop Charles Chaput, George McGovern, C. Everett Koop, Francis

Cardinal George, Dennis Quaid, George Will, Tim Russert, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Garrison Keillor, Dion DiMucci, Colin Raye and many more."

To replay the interview, klik the link below:

<https://avemariaradio.net/audio-archive/kresta-afternoon-july-26-2018-hour-2/>

August

August 3: Lecture (on behalf of VOE-SGP) on region Balkan leaderships meeting, Fuzine, Croatia

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Just back from lecture at Forum on Transformative Leadership in Fuzine, Croatia. Title: Political Advocacy at International Organizations from a Christian Perspective.



August 4: Radio 1 Interview about Trump: 'It's more about policy than about people.'

Henk Jan van Schothorst

Listen here: <https://www.nporadio1.nl/.../467304-de-zes-ogen-van-de-fries-...>

Herewith a 2.5 minute fragment about Pete Hoekstra:



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„Als gezin zijn we bewaard”

Aline de Bruin

Het plan was om dinsdagochtend rond 11.00 uur van de Italiaanse camping naar Genua te vertrekken. Maar het regende zo hard dat de familie Van Schothorst besloot op de camping te blijven. Anders hadden ze precies rond de tijd van instorten op de brug gereden.

Henk Jan van Schothorst (51) en zijn vrouw Jolanda (49) uit Bodegraven zijn samen met hun zes kinderen op vakantie in Italië. Ze zitten op een camping in het kustplaatsje Calvisio bij Finale Ligure, zo'n 50 kilometer verwijderd van de plek waar dinsdag de Morandi-brug bij Genua instortte.

Zondag reed het gezin nog over de brug, op weg naar de anglicaanse kerkdienst in Genua. „En bij onze aankomst in Italië vorige week vrijdag zijn we er ook overheen gereden”, zegt Henk Jan van Schothorst, in het dagelijks leven directeur van de christelijke denktank Transatlantic Christian Council. „De brug is onderdeel van een van de belangrijkste verbindingen tussen Frankrijk en Italië, iedereen rijdt erover.”

Noodweer

De predikant adviseerde de familie na de kerkdienst om het plaatsje Vernazza te gaan bezoeken. Dat wilde het gezin dinsdag gaan doen. Maar die ochtend werden ze al vroeg wakker van de regen. „Het was noodweer. Ik heb het niet vaak zo tekeer zien gaan. Mijn vrouw en ik hebben bij de voortent van de caravan plaatsen zitten weghozen. We zeiden tegen elkaar: Dit is geen weer om weg te gaan. De tent viel bijna in elkaar”, zegt Van Schothorst. Rond twaalf uur die ochtend leest hij op zijn telefoon het bericht over de ingestorte brug bij Genua. „Ik schrok vreselijk. Het was net een halfuur geleden gebeurd. Als het niet zo had gegaan, hadden we precies rond die tijd op weg naar Vernazza over de



Henk Jan van Schothorst. beeld RD, Anton Dammerholt



De Morandibrug bij Genua stortte dinsdagochtend rond halftwaalf in. Op dat moment reden er ruim dertig auto's en drie vrachtwagens over de brug. Het dodental is opgelopen naar 37 mensen. beeld EPA, Luca Zennaro

brug gereden. Dat zet je aan het denken.”

Hij liep naar de receptie van de camping. Daar was de verslagenheid groot. „Iedereen was verbouwereerd en compleet uit het veld geslagen. De brug maakt deel uit van een van de drukste snelwegen in Noord-Italië. Je verwacht niet dat zo iets instort. Het is een grote klap voor het land.”

Van Schothorst volgde de rest van de dag het nieuws op de voet. Hoewel het nog niet duidelijk is waarom de brug instortte, zei de Italiaanse minister van Transport al snel dat het lag aan slecht onderhoud. „Ik ben zelf niet zo van

de theorieën, om direct na rampen de schuldige aan te wijzen”, zegt Van Schothorst. „Bovendien is het achteraf makkelijk praten. Deze dingen kunnen gewoon gebeuren, niemand vraagt erom.”

Bewaard

Op het moment van de ramp reden er ruim dertig auto's en drie vrachtwagens over de brug. „Daar hadden wij bij kunnen zijn.”

Tijdens de kerkdienst zondag zong het gezin nog Psalm 34:4. „Daar moest ik deze morgen ineens aan denken. In de psalm staat: „Dus is hij wel bewaard.”

Dat trof me. Als gezin zijn we bewaard voor een ramp.”

De familie blijft nog tot volgende week donderdag in Italië op de camping. Het gebeuren heeft ze stilgezet.

Van Schothorst: „Natuurlijk, we krijgen allemaal iedere dag extra tijd van God. Maar nu zijn we er nog eens extra bij bepaald. We hebben levensverlenging gekregen. Het is belangrijk om te bedenken hoe je die tijd zo vruchtbaar mogelijk inzet en invult. We zijn dankbaar dat we verder mogen.”

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September

September 5-8 – Summerschool Wilberforce Foundation

Henk Jan van Schothorst

September 8 ·

Returned today from a very inspiring Summerschool of the Albanian Wilberforce Foundation on a Moral Vision of Christians in Politics - Character and Calling of Political Leaders. My contribution was about Political Advocacy at Int Orgs from a Christian Perspective. Encouraged!



September 12-14 - Participation ECCEN (European Conference for Christian Education in the Netherlands)

ECCEN organized a conference for school leaders and teachers of Christian schools throughout Europe, bringing together different cultures, nationalities and professions within Christian education. This year's topic was: FREEDOM OF RELIGION & EDUCATION - Different European perspective

Many countries enjoy 'freedom of religion' and 'freedom of education'. These cherished freedoms are protected by national laws and even by statements by the United Nations. We also see that these liberties are being aggressively eroded and challenged in our increasingly secular societies. This was the subject of this 4th ECCEN Conference in Apeldoorn.



September 24-26 – Meetings in Wenen



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Net terug van drie intensieve vergaderdagen in Wenen, Oostenrijk. Extra gemotiveerd om voort te gaan met de verdediging en promotie van leven, gezin en vrijheid vanuit christelijk perspectief tegenover machtige tegenkrachten.

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September 27 – Highlighted – Family7 TV about abortion, Siriz and the UN



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Highlighted! September 27 2018 - Is the subsidy for Siriz discontinued? youtu.be/ogi5W6_yLU0 via [@YouTube](#)

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A majority of the second chamber wants charity Siriz to no longer receive a subsidy. Henk Jan van Schothorst says that the UN is trying to get abortion more and more normal.

October

October 1-31 : Coen Hermenet serves TCC at the Hoornbeeck-College Gouda office

We were allowed to have Coen Hermenet in our ranks for the entire month of October. This recently graduated political scientist was the right man in the right place. He had already done an internship at an organization in Geneva, where we met before. With keywords such as gender, comprehensive sexuality, education, reproductive health and rights, etc., he went through all resolutions of the Human Rights Council in 2017 and 2018. With that, he has been of great value in charting resolutions that we should focus on. He has also charted the voting behaviour of countries on topics that are important to TCC. On the basis of that overview we can see with which countries we can work together on what topics. He was employed as a political journalist by the Reformatorisch Dagblad (Reformed newspaper) on the first of November. We wish him the best of luck at that wonderful company. The past days, Peter Smith and Coen have been able to share their knowledge and approach. This makes it possible to map influenceable documents with the same methodology and to compare them with the UN in New York, the EU and OSCE. It was a joy to have Coen in our midst and we thank him very much for his useful work for TCC!



October 5 - 27 - Peter Smith is lobbying at the UN in New York

The meetings of the so-called Third Committee are held in New York in October and November. This is an important Commission that deals with social, humanitarian and cultural issues and that preoccupies decisions taken in the December plenary session. Because this is where focus topics for TCC come to the fore, Peter Smith is there for a considerable time in both October and November to get via lobbying the right wording in the documents and to keep bad words out.

In October, Reproductive Health was a tricky issue in various negotiations. This is not a medical, but a political term, invented by pro-abortion activists to camouflage the abortion meaning. However, in

Egypt, for example, abortion is not included. But if you ask for example Hillary Clinton, she says that abortion is definitely included. There is no international agreement on the precise meaning of this word. To keep it that way, have to stay alert. We are happy that Peter Smith will also be present for some time in November and will use his lobby opportunities and qualities at the right times.

Third commission UN =

(vlg: (<http://www.un.org/en/ga/third/>))

The Third Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session is chaired by H.E. Mahmoud Saikal (Afghanistan).

The General Assembly assigns agenda items to the Third Committee on a range of social, humanitarian and human rights issues affecting people around the world.

As in previous sessions, an important part of the committee's work will focus on investigating human rights issues, including reports of the special procedures of the Human Rights Council established in 2006. In October 2018, the committee will communicate with special rapporteurs, independent experts and chairmen of working groups as instructed by the Human Rights Council.

The committee also discusses issues related to the promotion of women, the protection of children, indigenous issues, the treatment of refugees, the promotion of fundamental freedoms through the elimination of racism and racial discrimination and the right to self-determination. The committee also deals with important social development issues, such as issues related to youth, family, aging, people with disabilities, crime prevention, criminal law and international drug control.

At the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, the Third Committee discussed more than 60 motions for resolutions, more than half of which were tabled exclusively under the human rights agenda item. These include three so-called country-specific resolutions on human rights situations. The Third Committee is expected to consider a similar number of motions for resolutions at the current session of the General Assembly.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 66/246, the formal meetings of the Third Committee are made live via webcast on UN Web TV. Live coverage of the formal meetings is available in the six official languages of the United Nations, including the native language of the speaker. Past meetings of the session are also available through the committee's special video archives.

October 25 - UN rapporteur presents report on "sexual orientation and gender identity"

On Thursday, October 25 2018, the Third Committee of the UN in New York presented the report of the "independent expert" on "sexual orientation and gender identity" (SOGI). This was a continuation on the open consultation on his draft report in the Human Rights Council of Geneva on 18 and 19 June, where TCC participated. (<http://www.tccouncil.org/news-events/news/2018/open-consultation-legal-recognition-gender-identity-un-geneva-june-19-2018>) Mr. Victor Madrigal-Borloz presented his report entitled "Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity" (similar to the subject of his mandate).

This year the mandate holder focused on two sub-topics: legal recognition of gender identity and in addition "de-pathologizing of various sexual orientations". Figures on violence and discrimination against "trans- and gender-diverse people" were used to advance the progressive and ideological gender agenda. In this way, attempts are constantly being made to use things that nobody can object to as a cover for the ideological agenda.

Victor Madrigal-Borloz made a direct link between official recognition of gender identity and violence: according to him, no recognition means more violence. Not the biological characteristics, but "self-identification" should be the starting point for, for example, passports, for example. In this way the harmful and helpless gender agenda is being rolled out further.

The "independent expert" also made a link with the UN development goals (SDG's). One of those goals is "*leaving no-one behind*". The development goals have been embraced by all sorts of different countries, and in the meantime are being exploited by the SOGI-agenda. From a privacy point of view, the government should collect data to a limited extent, but if it were to serve a legitimate, proportional and necessary purpose, then it at least had to be based on self-identification.

Not to mention any more, Mr Madrigal-Borloz said: "The provision of documents containing that person's gender, based on self-determination, is a necessary step to ensure equal recognition of the law."

The treatment of these types of issues, with far-reaching consequences for UN member states, including the Netherlands, shows once again that we need to be there when baking and cooking is done at the UN, not only when it is served on your table. Because then we have to eat it, whether we want it or not.

US-Ambassador Hoekstra is introduced to business and administration in Barendrecht and Bodegraven

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PRESS RELEASE

Bodegraven, October 30, 2018

Transatlantic Christian Council

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On Tuesday 30 October, US Ambassador Hoekstra visited the fruit centre Barendrecht and cheese village Bodegraven. Conversations with entrepreneurs and municipal authorities took place. The visit is part of the Ambassador's ongoing efforts to get to know the Netherlands better.

In the morning in Barendrecht, the working visit started at Olympic Fruit, where the ambassador was given an explanation of developments and challenges in the fruit sector. At Hillfresh, Hoekstra was introduced to many types of fruit in the shed. Then there was a lunch with the entire college of mayor and councillors.

' In the afternoon in Bodegraven, the Transatlantic Christian Council (TCC) office was visited. This non-profit organization coordinated this day for the ambassador. One of the goals of TCC is to build bridges between Europe and America. This is to strengthen each other on themes such as the protection of life, family and freedom (of religion, education, market) from a Christian perspective. TCC lobbys for this at international organizations.

The mayor and councillors received Hoekstra at the town hall of Bodegraven-Reeuwijk and after that they had a tour at the artisan cheese company Van der Sterre. The visit ended with a nice presentation at Boska cheese tools.

In the evening TCC held a well-attended Business Network meeting at Fort Wierickerschans.

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October 30 evening for Entrepreneurs: TCC Business Network Event at Fort Wierickerschans

TCC Business Network Event

Speciaal
voor onder-
nemers

Met Mr. Pete Hoekstra, ambassadeur Verenigde Staten



Programma

- » Inloop en aankomst Mr. Pete Hoekstra
- » Introductie TCC
- » Speech Mr. Pete Hoekstra
- » Q&A en pitches door ondernemers
- » Netwerken en afsluiting

D.V. **30 oktober 2018** gaat Ambassadeur Mr. Pete Hoekstra met TCC op bezoek bij diverse bedrijven. De ochtend zal in het teken staan van de groente- en fruit-business in Barendrecht en 's middags de kaas in Bodegraven.

's Avonds trekken we het breder en nodigen we u als ondernemer van harte uit voor de **TCC Business Network Receptie met een Walking Snack Dinner**, met als hoofdspreker **Mr. Pete Hoekstra**. Voor vertaling wordt gezorgd. Het geheel wordt ingeleid met een korte introductie over het werk van TCC en wordt afgesloten met enkele pitches van ondernemers en wethouders. Daarnaast is er ruimschoots gelegenheid voor ontmoeting.

Voor het TCC Business Network Event wordt geen entree gevraagd. Wel willen we u in de gelegenheid stellen betrokken te raken bij het TCC Business Network. Zie www.tcccouncil.org.

Aanmelden

Het TCC Business Network Event vindt plaats op dinsdagavond 30 oktober in Bodegraven, exacte tijden en locaties kunnen wij niet publiekelijk delen.

Voor deze informatie en uw aanmelding kunt u mailen naar: info@tcccouncil.org



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Een van de doelstellingen van Transatlantic Christian Council (TCC) is om bruggen te bouwen tussen Europa en Amerika. Dit om elkaar te versterken op thema's als beschermwaardigheid van leven, gezin en vrijheid (van godsdienst, onderwijs, markt) vanuit een christelijk perspectief. Hiervoor lobbyt TCC bij internationale organisaties.

Thema's

- LEVEN**
- GEZIN**
- VRIJHEID**

Werkvelden



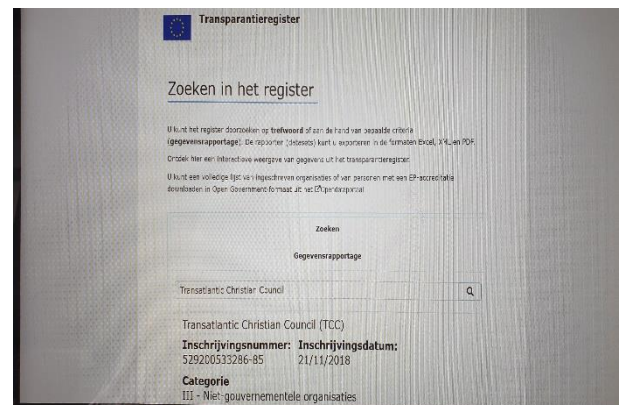
December

Europees Parlement Brussel December 4-6 2018

Henk Jan van Schothorst

December 7 2018 ·

Had fruitful and really constructive meetings in Brussels with several MEP's and others at and around the European Prayer Breakfast.



TCC's Christmas and New Year's wish for 2019:



Financial Report [click here](#)

Explanation of finances

Compared to previous years, donations rose again in 2018. Costs incurred in the context of the objectives are mainly travel and accommodation costs and the organization of meetings. The costs for fees are made for the directors of TCC US and TCC NL, as well as for the UN employee. In 2018 they were also partially paid from TCC US. The administrator received the compensation in full from TCC NL.

Board formation

From 2019 there will be a change in the board. Desirable form of management, and thus decided: the so-called "two-tier board": Supervisory Board (= current board (Jan Schippers and Johannes Luiten), which will be expanded with 1 member) Board of Directors (= director TCC NL) The director and the administrator are employed by the foundation. As soon as the income permits, new staff will be recruited.

Bodegraven, 31 July 2019

H.J. van Schothorst Chairman / Director