## **Country specific statements at CPD55**

A very large number of countries give short speeches at these meeting. Generally, they as bragging about how good they are. The poorer countries usually hint that they "need more money". This year many have criticised Russia for the invasion of Ukraine. The following are some of the more interesting interventions.

**China** – They bragged about their control of CIVID and how they have it all sorted out. No mention of the draconian lockdowns in Shanghai. They claim they will prevent COVID getting into their country, no mention of the Wuhan lab leak. Then they claim to have eradicated all poverty in China. They are such liars. Jesus said " You will always have the poor." Jn12:8. Then there was mention of their new 3 child policy. I remember a few years ago when a Chinese delegate told me about the 2 child policy. I said it would not work and it hasn't. Who would want to immigrate into such a totalitarian country, not me?

**Norway** – They always push Sexual and Reproductive rights, think CSE will solve everyone's problems. Claim 800 women die per day due to illegal abortion. They claim there should be a right to safe and legal abortion. There is no evidence legalising abortion saves women's lives. They gave a big push for SOGI.

**Peru** – They want a rights-based approach to LGBTQI etc. What a sad intervention.

**Netherlands**, youth delegate – A very clever pick by the Netherlands government to have a very attractive young lady give their intervention. It is sad that most of what she said was terrible. Called motherhood a negative stereotype. She pushed S&RH & R but gave a good mention about girls in poor countries who miss out on school when the have their periods as the cannot afford sanitary pads. She then pushed CSE claiming this would lead to fewer unsafe abortions, an unproven linkage.

**Turkey** – Their minister gave the best family intervention of the meeting. All he talked about was the importance of the family. As the family gets stronger society gets stronger. An excellent intervention.