

## **Summary of Resolutions monitored in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of the UN in New York 2022.**

### **National Sovereignty**

There was a great battle over national sovereignty in the resolution on **Moratorium on the use of the death penalty**. There was a vote to re-instate this paragraph which passed 103 to 68 countries. **See T120**

God's sovereignty : The term Sovereign Lord is first recorded in the Bible with Abraham, Gen15:2, and the last by the Apostle John in Rev6:10, there being 303 references in total. So to me there is no question about that God is in charge.

National Sovereignty – You could say Roman's 13 :1 to 7 is about us obeying the “governing authorities”. I have no problem with this

International Law and human rights are problematic for me. They are , in my view an attempt to replace God's sovereignty and the Bible. This all started off quite blandly with the early treaties being reasonable but they had been wildly mis-interpreted by compliance committees. Also the failure to mention responsibilities is a tragedy and the destruction this causes can be seen in the developed world

### **The family**

The G77 and other countries , 139 in all sponsored and guided negotiations on **Preparations for and observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family**. There were 46 good references like “ family oriented policies”. The EU wanted “various form of the family exist” but did not get this in the document. For more details see T123

### **Marriage**

In the document **Child, early and forced marriage** there are 98 references to marriage in this document, nearly all are negative, and few are neutral. I almost cried reading through this document at all the negativity to marriage. Marriage was instituted by God in the Garden of Eden Gen 2:24. Until very recently all countries

of the world practiced marriage, frowned upon divorce and discourage co-habitation. See T121

### **Sexual orientation gender identity (SOGI)**

**Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions** is one of those resolutions everyone supports, everyone deserves a fair trial. So around ten years ago the SOGI wording was inserted into this resolution. And for around 10 years the anti-family countries have inserted the SOGI wording in the list of people not to be killed. And each year the pro-family countries fight back, but sadly their numbers are falling. See T119

**Violence against women and girls** resolution this year had votes on contentious issues results were :

Delete comprehensive sexuality education and reproductive health paragraph , for 36, against 95.

Delete a reference to a conference, Generation Equality Form, not attended by all countries, for 38, against 95

Include a reference to men and women relating to marriage, for 57, against 88.

There was a sly reference to transgender women by referring to women “in all their diversity”. A terrific 61 countries voted against the amended wording and only 86 for it. See T118.

So the poor countries got a victory on national sovereignty and the family as well as putting up a good fight on other resolutions. There wasn't all that much consensus on the contentious issues.

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