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Advocates push for abortion rights at U.N., ignore the right to life enshrined in U.N. documents

Global legalization of abortion would further hurt women, not help them

Earlier today, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Permanent Mission of Finland, Geneva, hosted an event urging the global legalization of abortion. The event took place alongside the [24th session](#) of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. The official title of the event was, “Decriminalization of Abortion: A human rights imperative.” In addition to Finland and the Netherlands, several non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that advocate abortion on demand took part in the meeting.

It is ironic that a side event like this would take place at the United Nations during the Human Rights Council session. Article 3 of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) states very simply, “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.” The Universal Declaration also states, “Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.”

Sadly, a permanent representative from Uruguay was part of this meeting as well as an officer from the High Commissioner for Human Rights and an official with the World Health Organization.

“As the world turns away from the dangerous and deadly practice of abortion on demand, some officials still are not willing to respect the sovereignty of national laws or mounting scientific evidence revealing how abortion hurts women,” said Scott Fischbach, Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Global Outreach (MCCL GO).

Globally, more studies are verifying that abortion not only destroys an unborn child but also [hurts women](#). Induced abortion poses both short- and long-term risks to the physical health of women. It can also seriously affect mental health. These risks are exacerbated when abortion is legalized or promoted in countries with poor [maternal health care](#).

“Advocating the further legalization of abortion will not only lead to more unborn children being denied their first and most fundamental right, the right to life, but it will also cause further suffering for women,” Fischbach concluded.

MCCL GO is a pro-life NGO global outreach program of the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Education Fund with one goal: to save as many innocent lives as possible from the destruction of abortion. Learn more at www.mccl-go.org.

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