



TO: Pro-Life Friends  
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RE: U.S. issues strong pro-life statement at World Health Assembly  
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Today the United States delegation issued a strong pro-life statement at the World Health Assembly in Geneva criticizing recent efforts by the World Health Organization (WHO) to promote abortion.

The U.S. statement expressed “deep concern” that WHO’s Human Reproduction Program is slanted in favor of only one viewpoint and that it includes projects in the area of abortion. “We remind our fellow delegates,” the statement said, “that the International Conference on Population and Development forged international consensus that abortion should in no case be promoted as a method of family planning.”

The U.S. statement added: “The United States remains a stalwart defender and donor to maternal and children’s health, life, and wellbeing. And we will never waiver on that support.”

Ambassador Kevin Moley, Assistant Secretary of State, helped ensure that the Trump administration’s pro-life view was reflected in the U.S. position.

There has been a growing activist trend at WHO encouraging the legalization of abortion worldwide. Yet abortion is not an international right. No United Nations treaty has ever created a right to abortion.

Nor is legalized abortion a solution to maternal mortality. Maternal mortality depends on the quality of maternal health care. It does not depend on the legal status or availability of abortion.

We applaud the Trump administration for this pro-life statement. The World Health Organization should stick to health, not abortion advocacy.

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