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RE: U.S. delegation tells World Health Assembly: “We do not recognize an international right to abortion”
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This past week the World Health Assembly was held in Geneva. It’s the annual meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO). During the event, the United States delegation spoke up clearly and strongly in defense of unborn children and in opposition to abortion.

Commenting on a report on women’s, children’s, and adolescents’ health, the U.S. called for improved health care, especially during the first 1,000 days of life, but rejected the report’s favorable statements toward abortion.

“The term ‘sexual and reproductive health’ does not include the promotion of abortion, nor do we recognize an international right to abortion,” the U.S. statement read.

The statement further emphasized: “We have stated clearly, and on many occasions, consistent with the International Conference on Population and Development’s Programme of Action, that we do not recognize abortion as a method of family planning, nor do we support abortion in our reproductive health assistance.”

After eight years of the Obama administration, it is very encouraging to see the U.S. again speaking in support of the right to life of all human beings. We applaud the Trump administration for its pro-life work.

Earlier at the World Health Assembly, the U.S. [delivered a statement](#) criticizing recent efforts by WHO to promote abortion through its Human Reproduction Program. “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.”

WHO should avoid abortion advocacy and stick to health care. We thank the U.S. delegation for its efforts.

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