

C-Fam Oral Statement at the 55th Session of the Commission on Population and Development

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of Civil Society for the Family, an international coalition of over 200 organizations dedicated to protection of the family.

We are grateful to member states, as the principal stakeholders in this process, for allowing this space for civil society to participate in the debate of the commission.

The theme of the commission this year presents a unique opportunity to think beyond the same old tired controversial debates about sexual mores or sexual and reproductive health, in which this commission has been mired too many times in recent years.

economic growth that is sustained, sustainable, and inclusive. The United Nations system should be raising awareness of these neglected population policies.

So we plead with member states. The biggest population threat to humanity is not from overpopulation. It is a world where children are unwelcome and unwanted, and families are badgered into a small family norm by cultural and economic forces beyond their control. The time is now to change course and build a world where all life is celebrated and protected from conception to natural death. Perhaps we can change things before it is too late.