

Oral statement to the 45<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Population

Development by Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Centre on behalf of our

allies in Global Interfaith and Secular Alliance working for Sexual and

Reproductive Health and Rights (GISA).

Honorable Mr. Chair

On behalf of the Global Interfaith and Secular Alliance working for Sexual and



results in unwanted births among adolescent girls and young women and puts

them at a greater risk of mortality and morbidities.

Moreover, young people around the globe face greater dangers at the hand of extremist groups when they challenge the patriarchal and heterosexual norms of gender and sexual orientation. Some of these extremists even advocate and sanction the murder of service providers and human rights defenders for the LGBTIQ community. Unfortunately, SRHR advocates are working under

Privacy, bodily autonomy, equality and non-discrimination are some of the most fundamental rights closely connected to ensuring women's sexual and reproductive health and have been time and again recognized internationally.

Catholics for Choice  
Catholics for Reproductive Health – the Philippines  
David Pollock – the United Kingdom  
European Humanist Federation – Belgium  
Spanish Federation of Family Planning – Spain  
Family Planning Association of Portugal

Irish Family Planning Association – Ireland  
Indonesian's Women's Association for Justice – Legal Aid Foundation (APIK)  
Likhaan Centre for Women's Health – The Philippines  
PROMSEX, Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y  
Reproductivos – Peru  
Reproductive Rights Advocacy Alliance of Malaysia (RRAAM)  
RESLI – Sweden

Sex on Politics – The Norwegian Association for Sexual and Reproductive

Health and Rights  
Sexuality Studies Association – Thailand  
Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Centre – Pakistan