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Working session: Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including ensuring equal opportunity for women and men in all spheres in life, including through implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality

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I am here as a representative of HazteOir.org and of our partner organization, CitizenGO.org. These organizations have over 5 million subscribers who participate in campaigns supporting **Life, Family, and Freedom**. We believe that the OSCE should focus on promoting equality in terms of *real* human rights, such as the right to life.

We affirm that abortion violently takes away the lives of thousands of unborn girls and boys every day. Many young girls are purposefully targeted in sex-selective abortions, because a son is viewed as more desirable than a daughter. These are cases of **true** discrimination. The OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality claims to promote policies “aimed at the prevention of all forms of gender-based violence¹⁰.” These unborn girls have their right to life swept away before they are able to defend themselves, that is the ultimate form of violence. We speak out now in their defense.

As a woman, and a representative of many women who support life, I affirm that I do not require “right” to kill my unborn child to be equal with men. To the contrary, my unborn daughter’s right to *life* should be primarily protected. The OSCE should focus on promoting maternal health and wellness, and not on promoting a made-up “reproductive right” to abortion.

Furthermore, we affirm that the healthy **natural family**—and marriage between one man and one woman—are the basis of a thriving society. Children do best when they are raised by a mother and father. Therefore, the natural family should be protected by the OSCE. Natural differences between women and men, as well as the calling of a woman to maternity, should be respected. Women who want

to stay at home with their children should be encouraged in that role and respected as contributing members of society.

We **recommend**:

- First, that the OSCE should work towards the protection of *all* unborn persons, particularly in terms of sex-selective abortions.
- Secondly, that the OSCE should demand the respect and protection of women who decide to educate their children personally at home.
- Finally, that the OSCE should promote maternity as the most important goal for a woman and not as an obstacle which interferes with her career.