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As CitizenGo we work for the service of the society so that the dignity of the human person and the rights inherent to it are respected in all areas. We are a grassroots group dedicated to activism and citizen's mobilization with an universal values; we defend the values of the life, the family and liberty.

We affirm that the natural family created through the marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of any human society and is entitled to protection by society and the State. Gender equality, which is defined in the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality, is a value only when the natural differences between women and men as well as the natural calling of a woman to maternity are recognized and respected.

The main goal of our modern society should be to demand the respect and protection (in terms of social security and in other areas) of women who decide to educate their children personally at home. The aim of our society should be to promote maternity as one of the most important goals for a woman and not as a hindrance, which interferes with her career. Scientific studies as well as natural intuition inform us that the time spent by a mother with her child at home is necessary for the development of the child

The next priority in this area should be to allow for and aid women in the beginning as well as in the continuation of their professional career after giving birth and raising children. Only this hierarchy of values (motherhood first and then the pursuit of a professional career) truly protects women and promotes gender equality.

**Recommendations:**

- to demand the respect and protection (in terms of social security and in other areas) of women who decide to educate their children personally at home;
- to promote maternity as the most important goal for a woman and not as a obstacle, which interferes with her career;
- to research and document the situation of woman in the beginning as well as in the continuation of their professional career after giving birth and raising children.