



Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues (PNCI)

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The [Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues \(PNCI\)](#), based in Washington, D.C., continued to network globally with lawmakers, legislative staff, pro-life leaders, and like-minded individuals and organizations on critical issues, especially respect for life from conception to natural death.

PNCI shared pro-life actions taking place on the legislative, judicial and executive levels around the world and kept the network informed on the radical pro-abortion activities of the Biden-Harris administration and the pro-abortion actions by United Nations entities, the Organization of American States, European Parliament, European Union, Council of Europe, and the African Union.

The world is at the half-way point toward achieving what is known as the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda including the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The lives of children alive in the womb are at risk as abortion is promoted under the term “universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights” in the targets for the goals on good health and well-being (SDG 3) and gender equality (SDG 5).

A related warning was issued to lawmakers by PNCI was about the agreement between the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Brussels-based pro-abortion organization— the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF)— to advance access to abortion through mobilization of parliamentarians globally. EPF agreed to work globally with lawmakers and share WHO’s radical [Abortion Care Guideline](#) which states: *Strengthening access to comprehensive abortion care within the health system is fundamental to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*

PNCI informed its network that WHO uses its position as the world's leading health organization to advance access to abortion listing including "Comprehensive abortion care" in its [list of essential health care services](#) in 2020 during the pandemic and recently posted on its [Facebook page](#): *Abortion services are healthcare. Access to safe abortion protects the health of women and girls.*

PNCI continued to monitor news outlets, websites, and social media for the latest news, events, and tactics impacting global respect for life from conception to natural death and shared the findings with select individuals in an informative Daily Clips email.

PNCI sent newsletters and updates to its network which included a focus on the actions taking place in the U.S. related to abortion, international pro-life victories and activities, international pro-abortion activities, actions affecting respect for life taking place at and by the United Nations, and national legislative, executive and judicial actions taking place around the world on critical life issues.

PNCI shared its newsletters, timely updates, and headlines on its website.

PNCI continued its pro-life collaboration including as a member of a number of regional and UN pro-life google groups organized to advance protection of life and responded to questions seeking assistance and information on pro-life issues. It assisted in efforts to garner support for pro-life actions and legislation, and connected individuals for pro-life advancement.

PNCI was recognized as a reputable source of information with pro-life news sources frequently reposting PNCI's news summaries and updates especially LifeNews.com and Pregnancy Help News.com.

PNCI assisted Priests for Life in its pro-life advocacy to the United Nations. PNCI's Executive Director Marie Smith wrote PFL's submissions to key UN meetings and worked with Bob Lalonde, Priests for Life's Coordinator of International Activities, to voice concern for the lives of unborn children and their mothers and oppose the violence of abortion.

In its submissions, PFL urged the UN to affirm the well-being, dignity and worth of all, every human life, born and unborn— without exception— and work to ensure that no life is considered disposable as the UN acts to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Priests for Life also called on UN commissions to voice strong opposition to the death of unborn baby girls in sex selection abortion and work to end this deadly discriminatory practice. We admonished that if an unborn baby girl can lose her life once her existence is known, Sustainable Development Goal 5, gender equality, will never be fully achieved. Equality begins in the womb.

The Annex contains the full PFL submission statements written by PNCI for the top three annual meetings which will take place at the United Nations in 2024— Commission on Social Development (CoSD), Commission on Women (CSW), and Commission on Population and Development (CPD).