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Biden Reverses Pro-Life Gains

Arlington, Virginia – Today President Biden issued a Presidential Memorandum advancing access to abortion on a number of fronts. In a single day, he reversed important gains of the pro-life movement over the last four years.

Susan Muskett, president of Pro-Family Women, said in response: **“This is a sad day for our country which is blessed in so many ways yet is refusing to protect our most vulnerable, the child in the womb.”**

The Catholic Church Catechism teaches: *“Human life is sacred . . . [and] must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.”*

As expected, Biden issued a presidential memorandum revoking the “Mexico City Policy” that prohibits federal funding of foreign organizations that perform or promote abortion overseas (described as family planning and global health funding). The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) opted out of funding rather than comply with the Mexico City Policy. As a result, the IPPF estimated in 2017 that the organization would forgo approximately \$100 million during President Trump’s term of office.

President Biden also directed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to review the Title X family planning regulation that requires physical and financial separation between Title X recipients and programs that perform abortion. The regulation also prohibits the use of Title X funds to refer for elective abortions. Planned Parenthood exited the Title X program as a result of the Trump regulation.

With respect to abortion on an international scale, President Biden, in addition to rescinding the Mexico City Policy, instructed the Secretary of State to take steps to resume funding to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The Trump Administration denied funding to the UNFPA because its China program violated the Kemp-Kasten law which prohibits funding of an organization that “supports, or participates in the management of, a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization.”

President Biden repudiated the United States’ signing of the 2020 Geneva Consensus Declaration that declared that there is no “international human right to abortion.” He

instructed his Secretary of State and Secretary of Health and Human Services to withdraw the United States' co-sponsorship and signature from the Declaration. At the time of the signing of the Declaration, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops commended the Trump Administration for doing so, stating that it was their "hope that [the] Declaration [would] serve as a catalyst for [the] 33 nations, and many more, to persistently stand against powerful international forces that promote abortion and undermine the family throughout the world."

Pro-Family Women is an organization that promotes the values of faithful Catholic women in proclaiming the truth about human life and family.

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