Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Marco Rubio
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Secretary Rubio,

We write to express our strongest opposition to Ms. Rebeca Grynspan's nomination to be the next United Nations Secretary General (UNSG).

We urge the United States, as a permanent member of the Security Council, to veto Ms. Grynspan's selection in favor of a candidate who has a demonstrated respect for the right of sovereign nations to legislate to protect and defend the weakest and most vulnerable—unborn children.

President Trump's Administration has laid out a crucial standard for the next UNSG. In October 2025, Ambassador Dorothy Shea said that the next UNSG must share "this vision of returning the UN to its founding purpose of maintaining international peace and security."[1] The UNSG "should reject initiatives that fall outside the Charter's founding purpose, prioritize accountability and transparency, and respect state sovereignty."[2] The Trump Administration has rightly called for an end to the UN practice of engaging in "the propagation of divisive ideologies that undermine national sovereignty and stir controversy rather than bring member states together to address issues of common concern."[3]

Ms. Grynspan, if selected, will push abortion on demand throughout the world. In the past:

- Ms. Grynspan served on a board of expert advisors for a 2017 UN Women report, which made the following recommendation: "The grounds for legal abortion in the region must be expanded, access to safe abortion services must be improved for those who meet the legal criteria, and the legal, economic, and social barriers that prevent access to a safe abortion—**primarily for adolescents**—must be eliminated."[4]

- In 2021, Ms. Grynspan, speaking at a virtual event, called for women to make "a qualitative push" on women's issues and highlighted the weakening of pro-life law in Argentina as an example.[5]

- In 2016, while Ms. Grynspan was the head of the Ibero-American General Secretariat, the organization published a report, entitled "Guide for Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective in Affiliated Programs, Initiatives, and Projects of Ibero-American Cooperation," that

[1] https://usun.usmission.gov/remarks-at-a-un-security-council-briefing-on-the-united-nations-organization/
[2] Ibid.
[3] Ibid.
[4] ONU Mujeres. El progreso de las mujeres en América Latina y el Caribe 2017: Transformar las economías para realizar los derechos. Panamá: ONU Mujeres, 2017. https://repositorio.iis.ucr.ac.cr/handle/123456789/687. (emphasis added)
[5] https://www.clarin.com/agencias/efe-grynspan-hora-poner-empoderamiento-economico-mujeres-centro_0_7spVwV0UK7.html

recommended "[e]nsur[ing] universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights..."[6] The term "sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights" means unfettered access to abortion on demand.

If past is prologue, Ms. Grynspan's record absolutely suggests that she would use the UNSG position to promote the killing of unborn children by abortion everywhere and continue to undermine the pro-life laws and policies of sovereign nations.

The United States should use its voice and vote—and, if necessary, veto—to prevent Ms. Grynspan from being selected as UNSG and instead promote a candidate who is more clearly committed to the defense of innocent human life and to bringing the UN "back to basics."[7]

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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[6] Saura de la Campa, Elena, and Raquel Coello Cremades. Guía para la transversalización de la perspectiva de género en los programas, iniciativas y proyectos adscritos de la cooperación iberoamericana. Madrid: Secretaría General Iberoamericana (SEGIB), 2016. https://segib.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/GUIA-TPG-ESP-WEB.pdf

[7] https://usun.usmission.gov/remarks-at-a-un-security-council-briefing-on-the-united-nations-organization/

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cc: Honorable Michael Waltz, United States Ambassador to the United Nations