

AFRICAN ANTI-ABORTION COALITION

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Honourable Senator

Dear Hon. Senator,

Action Plan on Letter to G8 Leaders

The African Anti-abortion Coalition (AAAC) wishes to inform you about our activities in support of Life in Africa. We have enclosed a letter to the G8 heads of state, informing them of the consensus meeting held in conjunction with U.S. House of Representative Congressman Christopher Smith, on the Pro-Life stand of the African people. This meeting involved representatives from all major Pro-life organizations, in Nigeria and other Sub-Saharan African countries. The meeting was held at the Pan-African University Lekki Lagos, on 23rd February 2007, and detailed the issues raised in the enclosed letter. All Islamic and Christian groups, as well as secular organizations agree on the stance articulated in the letter to the G8 leaders and African heads of state. We have also approached religious Christian and Islamic leaders to intimate them about our stance and have obtained full support.

We are hopeful that you will offer your personal support to this mission to *Save the African Child*, by proposing a bill of your own, that will keep abortion banned in Nigeria. Furthermore, we hope you will support our annual Millions' People March Against Abortion in Africa every February 14th, to highlight the problem of abortion and the detrimental effects on our values as a People. We are hopeful that this will become a National Day to Celebrate Life, just as it is in the USA on February 22nd, and similar dates in other countries. A bill to make this a National Day to Celebrate Life in Nigeria would be timely and most appropriate, and would be met by a great reward of Allah our God, to this Nation. This Day would be marked by peaceful protests against abortion. Lectures on ethics and morals, including those targeted at preventing sexual harassment in institutions and the workplace could be held across the country.

We hope that the legislative arm of our government, will take urgent steps to protect the Nigerian people from this most grievous assault on Life. We are requesting you revisit the issues of the **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH BILL** particularly, the signing of the MAPUTO PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE OPERATIONALISATION OF THE CONTINENTAL POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS 2007-2010 – Sections #3.3, #4.1-4.3; and THE PROTOCOL TO THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN AFRICA – Articles #14(1a,2c), #26. We hope that you will propose that Nigeria will take exemptions to these sections in the signed protocol. Moreover, there was no due process for ratification of this protocol, which required prior constitutional amendments. On this point, the cited articles of this protocol are in conflict with the relevant sections of the Nigerian Constitution, and hence must be null and void. You are the hope of the people, that the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will protect them, and not international protocols our government was coerced into signing. We are confident that your decisions will be patriotic and in the best interest of the Nigerian People.

We also hope that the Senate will come up with a strong statement, to condemn international organizations that violate the Nigerian constitution protecting the sanctity of Life. We recommend the expulsion of pro-abortion advocates (IPPF, IPAS and UNFPA) from Nigeria, for anti-constitutional activities. Their actions specifically relate to the sell and spread of the illegal manual vacuum aspirators (MVA) to quarks, for so-called 'safe abortion', which has caused the spread of HIV in Nigeria. The MVA should be banned in Nigeria. Secondly, for the use of female condoms that was not approved in the Western countries, only to infect Nigerian women in an unethically conducted human clinical trial. This will send a strong signal that, Nigerians were not available as guinea pigs, for unethical trials.

We thank you for your attention to this problem and hope to count on your support.

Yours truly,

Prince Dr Philip C. Njemanze MD Executive Chairman AAAC.

Save The African Child