Joint Statement Defending Trump Administration Appointment of C-Fam Executive Vice President Lisa Correnti and Grace Melton of the Heritage Foundation to U.S. Delegation to the UN Conference Status of Women

The Society of Catholic Social Scientists (SCSS) and the International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute (ISHRI) wish to express our support of the Trump administration’s inclusion of Lisa Correnti (Center for Family & Human Rights, aka, C-FAM) and Grace Melton (Heritage Foundation) on the US Delegation to the UN Conference on the Status of Women (CSW). We urge the Trump administration to disregard the false allegations made against these respected groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center, which has established itself in recent years as a crass ideological exponent of anti-family and anti-religious viewpoints. In particular, we note that C-FAM’s position on homosexuality as “an objective disorder” and homosexual acts as “intrinsically disordered” are consistent with the Catholic Church’s magisterial teaching (See Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of the Homosexual Person, #3 [1986]). For the SPLC to label these mainstream conservative organizations, which uphold principles identified with the Christian tradition of Western Civilization, as “hateful” evinces both an anti-Christian bias and a repressive attitude that seeks to shut down perspectives that do not conform to its ideology.

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