## The Group of Friends of the Family:

Bangladesh, Belarus, Comoros, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Yemen, Uganda, Zimbabwe

### **Organizers:**

Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam) and Family Watch International

## Co-sponsoring Organizations:

Civil Society for the Family represents 200 International NGOs. The organizing committee for this platform includes the following: Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam), Family Research Council, Human Life International, HazteOir.org, and Derecho a Vivir.

The UN Family Rights Caucus is a global coalition with member organizations and individuals from over 160 countries dedicated to protecting and promoting the institution of the family. The Caucus advocates for pro-life and pro-family policies and programs in multilateral fora.

**ONLINE EVENT** 

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# Protection of the Family and Family-Oriented Policies in the Time of COVID-19

Monday, MAY 17, 2021 3:00 – 5:30 PM

In Commemoration of the UN International Day of Families



The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the urgent need for legal and social protection of the family and family-oriented policies. In the recovery period following the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of creating an environment conducive to family formation and stability should be borne in mind, so that life within the family can be a source of consolation and renewal for all after the COVID-19 crisis.

Efforts to rebuild after COVID-19 should be carried out taking into

account the importance of protection of the family and assistance by society, including the right of everyone to work and live in dignity.

The event will bring together Members of the Group of Friends of the Family and other interested delegations for the exchange of views with civil society and academia on the importance of protection of the family and ways of strengthening the family-oriented policies, including in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.







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MODERATOR

Austin Ruse, President, C-Fam

STATEMENTS BY UN MEMBER AND OBSERVER STATES:

**H.E. Mr. Valentin Rybakov**, Permanent Representative of Belarus to the UN

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Fathi Ahmed Edrees, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN

H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the UN

#### **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

The Importance of Family for the Well-being of Children

**Mark Regnerus**, Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin

Impact of COVID-19 on Adolescent Wellbeing: Exploring Family Factors

**Dr. Sharifa Al-Emadi**, Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

Parental Rights and Children's Well-Being
Melissa Moschella, Ph.D., The Heritage
Foundation; Associate Professor of Philosophy,
The Catholic University of America

The Protection of Children from Online Harm during Lockdown

**Haley McNamara**, Director, International Centre on Sexual Exploitation

**CIVIL SOCIETY STATEMENTS**