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Protecting the families of the world:

Dignity and Worth of the Human Person (Preamble)

"Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,"

Right to Life (Article 3)

"Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Marriage (Article 16-1,2)

"(1) Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

(2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses."

Family (Article 16-3)

"(3) The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State."

Freedom of Religion (Article 18)

"Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."

Motherhood and Childhood (Article 25-2)

"(2) Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection."

Parents and Education (Article 25-3)

"(3) Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children."

Morality and Public Order (Article 29-2)

"(2) In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society."

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