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## **TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WITHDRAWS FROM UN'S HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

*Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) admonishes the Trump Administration's contempt for human rights*

Washington, D.C. – Today, United States Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley and United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the United States' withdrawal from the United Nations Human Rights Council. Ambassador Haley has repeatedly expressed her contempt for the Human Rights Council, and Secretary Pompeo has built his career by stripping women and LGBT persons of their human rights. In response to the announcement, Serra Sippel, president of the Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE), issued the following statement:

“Following the U.S. Department of State’s decision to [gut language](#) from the annual human rights report, this latest move is unfortunately, unsurprising, and simply reflects the continued isolationist and anti-human rights ideologies that pervade the Trump Administration.”

“When it comes to promoting the human rights of all people, this Administration is heartless,” Sippel said. “We’re seeing this reality manifested in Trump’s recent admiration for serial human rights abuser and dictator Kim Jong-un, in the brutal impacts of Trump’s expanded global gag rule, and right now at the U.S. border as the United States violates international asylum law.”

“At the end of the day, the decision to withdraw from a council that strives to address global human rights abuses will further unravel the longstanding reputation and legitimacy of U.S. leadership at the United Nations and around the world.”

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### **About CHANGE**

CHANGE ([www.genderhealth.org](http://www.genderhealth.org)) is a Washington, D.C.-based women’s rights organization that promotes sexual and reproductive health and rights as a means to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by shaping public discourse, elevating women’s voices, and influencing the U.S. government.

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