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PRESS RELEASE ON TRANS-ATLANTIC HUMAN EGG TRAFFICKING FROM NIGERIA

On 31st July, 2008 the African Anti-Abortion Coalition (AAAC) Council and other Pro-life Organizations in Nigeria held an Emergency Meeting on submissions to the House of Assembly on Trans-Atlantic Human Egg Trafficking Trade in Nigeria and **Biological Colonialism of Africa**. The parties resolved:

- A. to deter human cloners in the developed countries, who need millions of eggs to perfect the experimental procedure called somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) for stem cell research. And since no well of woman in the developed countries are going to willingly endanger their lives to help advance the cloning technology, there is an acute need for Biotechnology companies to come into Africa and harvest the eggs of poor African women and leaving them in destitution. We are already in *an era of Biological Colonialism and Imperialism* where the African continent has been turned into a laboratory and the Africans into 'guinea pigs' for the industrialized countries to realize trillions of Euros in their stem cell transplantation project. The time to stop it is now before the exploitation sinks deeply into the economic bedrock of Nigerian and major World economies.
- B. the National Assembly should hold extensive public hearings on all issues related to Trans-Atlantic Human Egg Trafficking in Nigeria, including several committees (Health, Education, Internal Affairs, Information, Women Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Judiciary, House Ethics, Culture and Religion, etc). The House of Assembly should follow the example of the European Parliament. In March 2005, the European Parliament, taking a cue from the UN Human Trafficking Protocol, issued a resolution directed in response to the exploitation of Eastern European young women, titled '*the European Parliament Resolution on the Trade in Human Egg Cells*', specifically condemning the trade in human eggs in Europe.
- C. major religious and civil society leaders in Nigeria must speak out to condemn this Trans-Atlantic Trade in Human Eggs and Foetal tissues, in other words modern day high technology slavery. This trade is fast ravaging the lives of our Nation, and putting the poor women in Nigeria in grave health danger under a misguided notion that they are doing a good service, of donating their eggs to 'barren women' instead of to laboratories in Europe and America, where their potential children would be killed for stem cell experiments. It should be made clear to them in Churches and Mosques that egg donation at IVF clinics in Nigeria or abroad, poses grave dangers to their health and could result in liver failure, kidney failure, infertility and severe infections.
- D. the House of Assembly should recommend to the Attorney General of the Federation to file a Class Action Lawsuit against the Danish Company Nordica (with satellite clinic headquarters at), Bridge Clinic London, Ipas, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation, Society for Family Health, In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Clinics in Nigeria and other international pro-abortion granting agencies, who by their work, have aided this Human Egg Trafficking trade. Of particular mention are the biotechnology firms that have used these Human Eggs in research and

transplantation to realize significant developments, with hundreds of billions of US dollars in investments.

- E. women who have been involved in in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and egg donation programs, and feel that their rights were violated, should bring civil and criminal law suits against the IVF clinics in Nigeria and the aforementioned organizations. They should consider filing damages for poor health conditions such as kidney failure, liver failure, infections and infertility. The claims should be patterned to that, filed by citizens against Pfizer's unethical drug trials in Nigeria.

Other issues discussed included:

- F. Human Egg trafficking as Human trafficking, under Article 3, of the UN Human Trafficking Protocol. Millions of Nigerians have been exported as Embryos and Eggs, and lost their lives in laboratories abroad; while in industrialised countries, adoption of embryos is guided by the same laws as that of child adoption.
- G. A claim of about one hundred billion (\$100 billion) USD would be appropriate level compensation for the Nigerian Government. The claim for compensation was arrived at, from the estimate of what this would be worth, based on the G8 foreign aid package valued at \$52 billion USD, if Africa was to sign on to abortion rights (G8 Africa Action Plan). The other \$48 billion was arrived at by the 10 years of operation of the Trans-Atlantic Human Egg Trafficking by Nordica, Bridge Clinic London and their associates.
- H. There should be public education programs on the health hazards of egg donation on Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) nationwide highlighting the dangers liver failure, renal failure, infertility and severe infections.
- I. Governments of industrialised countries that used foreign aid and foreign policy to skew the health system towards Reproductive Health services in Nigeria, and by so doing enhanced Trans-Atlantic Human Egg and Aborted Foetal Tissue Trafficking, should not be immune to criminal and civil lawsuits at the International Criminal Court, and also at the International Human Rights Court. They have contravened Article 3 of the UN Human Trafficking Protocol and must be liable.
- J. Nigeria **MUST BE BOLD** and strong in the face of this international aggression by proabortionists committing *Crimes Against Humanity*. We must not shrink away from this confrontation in the name of diplomacy, because our very survival depends on our ability as a Nation to stand against injustice, servitude and **Biological Colonialism and Imperialism**.
- K. The memorandum submitted to the House of Assembly by all Pro-life Organisations in Nigeria, includes a draft Bill that, will establish the Nigerian Authority for Tissue and Embryology Regulation (**NATER**). The Bill is titled - Law on In vitro Fertilisation and Embryology (**LIFE Act**). It is structured to accomplish the following national objectives: to protect the Embryo, Marriage institution and Family in Nigeria. All Nigerians should support the House of Assembly to pass this Bill.
- L. We Nigerians in the Pro-life organizations, call on all patriotic Nigerians to rise and say no to the international pro-abortion organisations, and reject their attempt to establish a "Trans-Atlantic Foetal and Embryonic Tissue Trafficking" in violation of Article 3 of the UN Protocol on Human Trafficking, Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child (1959), International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Declaration on the Rights and Welfare of the African Child (1979), African Charter on Human and Peoples' rights (1981), African Charter on Rights and Welfare of the Child (1990), and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- M. The current wave of **Biological Colonialism and Imperialism** must be stopped by all progressive Peoples of the World. It should remind us of the Nazi concepts condemned by the international community at Nuremberg:

“...protection of the law was denied to the unborn children...” from Nuremberg Trials
Record: RuSHA/Greifelt Case 1947-8.

Signed On-behalf of Prolife Groups in Nigeria by.:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Njemanze', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

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