

## THE PRO-LIFE AGENDA: SECRETARY POMPEO'S BOLD LEADERSHIP

### FACT SHEET

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#### PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PRO-LIFE VISION: SECRETARY POMPEO DELIVERS

- ***President Trump reinstated and expanded the pro-life Mexico City policy in January 2017*** to ensure no U.S. taxpayer money for global “health” can be provided to foreign NGOs engaged in abortion.
- In May 2017, State, under prior leadership, announced a plan called “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance” (PLGHA), with a limited vision of implementation.
- ***Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, a strong pro-life advocate, is now following through on President Trump’s mandate by ensuring the Mexico City Policy is enforced to the broadest extent possible.***
  - The U.S. State Department will refuse to work with any foreign NGO engaged in the abortion business.
  - The U.S. State Department will also refuse to fund foreign NGOs that give money to *other* foreign NGOs engaged in the international abortion industry.
- ***Money is fungible; no longer will the State Department turn a blind eye to foreign NGOs that take U.S. money and provide funding to other foreign NGOs that perform or promote abortion.***
- As Secretary Pompeo said, “This Administration has shown that we can continue to meet our global health goals while refusing to subsidize the killing of unborn babies.”

#### THE MEXICO CITY POLICY: AN IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

- ***Reagan’s 1984 Mexico City Policy was a watershed for the pro-life movement.***
  - The Policy decreed that taxpayer money for family-planning programs would be “based on respect for human life, enhancement of human dignity, and strengthening of the family.”
  - No longer would U.S. taxpayer monies fund NGOs that performed or actively promoted abortion as a method of family planning.
  - Reagan recognized that human beings aren’t the problem; bad economic policies that limit human potential are the issue.