

****Universal Declaration of No Means No****

****Preamble****

Recognizing the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family,

Considering that the fundamental freedoms, human rights and human dignity of all persons are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated,

Reaffirming that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Noting that the right to say "no" is a fundamental human right that is essential for the protection of bodily autonomy, personal integrity, and freedom from violence,

Concerned that the violation of the right to say "no" is a widespread and pervasive problem that affects people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds,

Recognizing that the violation of the right to say "no" can have devastating consequences for individuals, families, and communities,

****Article 1****

Everyone has the inherent right to say "no" to any form of sexual activity, regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

****Article 2****

No one shall be subjected to any form of sexual activity without their free and informed consent.

****Article 3****

Consent must be freely given, without coercion, intimidation, or manipulation.

****Article 4****

Silence or lack of resistance does not constitute consent.

****Article 5****

The right to say "no" applies to all forms of sexual activity, including intercourse, oral sex, anal sex, and any other form of sexual contact.

****Article 6****

The right to say "no" is not limited to specific settings or relationships. It applies in all situations, including at home, in public, and in private.

****Article 7****

No one shall be punished or discriminated against for exercising their right to say "no."

****Article 8****

States have a duty to protect and promote the right to say "no" through laws, policies, and education programs.

****Article 9****

This Declaration shall be translated into all languages and made widely available to all people.

****Article 10****

This Declaration shall be disseminated and promoted through all appropriate means, including education, public awareness campaigns, and training for law enforcement and other relevant professionals.