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Concepts of Truth International Presents at the 55th Session of the Commission for Social Development

NEW YORK—The United Nations Commission on Social Development concluded its fifty-fifth session Friday, February 10, 2017 with the adoption of resolutions on global social development, one on the rights of persons with disabilities and one on youth. Concepts of Truth International, an ECOSOC accredited NGO, congratulates the Commission on the adoption of these resolutions and notes with gratitude the acceptance of our organization's written statement for the commission. [Read our statement here.](#) The Commission on Social Development meets to discuss ways to ensure that development occurs at all levels of society. This year its theme was "Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all." The Commission looked specifically at ways to address social exclusion and ensure that poverty eradication efforts help members of marginalized groups such as persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, older persons, women, and youth. This mandate is reflected in the resolutions adopted. [Read more here.](#) Mr. Philipp Charwath, Chair of the Commission and Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria, specifically highlighted the call to keep human dignity at the center of efforts to reach the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. He says, "this requires social justice, compassion, and an ethical compass."

"The Commission's theme this year aligned with Concepts of Truth's mission to empower future generations in sexual health thus promoting sustainable development for all and eradicating emotional poverty which is directly correlated with fiscal poverty." stated Millie Lace, Founder & Director of Concepts of Truth International. "Our panel of experts presented our first side event as an accredited NGO that included staff, youth representatives, and invited guests." Samantha Martinez, youth representative, was the moderator of the event. Constance Tyne, a 16 yr. old youth representative from Caldwell, NJ gave the audience statistics on emotional poverty as it is related to sexually transmitted diseases and laid a foundation of rationale for the value of education and member states to include the whole person learning theory in sexual health programming implementation. Barbara Wilson, author of the book [The Invisible Bond](#), presented on the Science of Sex and gave information on the Brain and bonding hormones produced in sexual relationships and the benefits of social capital. Maggie Peeler, Director of School Programming, and Lace shared experiential activities from the organization's pragmatic model, *Concepts of Sexual Health, Sex & You* curriculum that has been taught in several Arkansas public schools in the region's Delta counties with great success in lowering STD's and teen pregnancy. "This model is not a "one size fits all", stated Peeler, but it is possible for all regardless of one's culture or socio-economic status." Hector Ferrer, a Federal Prison Chaplain, gave personal testimony of applying the principles taught in the model to his life of choosing to remain celibate after fathering two children out of wedlock. He spoke on behalf of championing men to educate and empower their children and future generations to value all life as he is the primary caretaker of his son, "King David" who is incapacitated with Dubowitz Syndrome. He spoke for persons with disabilities, the voiceless, and those vulnerable to sexual exploitation and applauded the work of the commission to ensure opportunity for all so that no one is left behind. Concepts of Truth will continue to participate at the United Nations promoting sustainability in mental & sexual health and valuing all life helping to achieve authentic social development. Check out our services at internationalhelpline.org.
