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The United Nations Human Rights Council

RE: Submission by EnGendeRights related to the Philippines for the United Nations Human Rights Council First Universal Periodic Review in April 2008

Dear Council Members:

This submission entitled, "Fundamentalist Cultural and Religious Beliefs in Philippine Laws and Policies Deny Filipino Women's Right to Access Reproductive Health Information and Health Care Services" is intended to supplement the other submissions and reports from the Republic of the Philippines for the United Nations Human Rights Council Review of the Philippines during its First Universal Periodic Review scheduled on April 7-18, 2008.

The EnGendeRights, Inc., an independent non-governmental organization, hopes to further the work of the Council by providing independent information concerning the rights protected in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Reproductive rights are fundamental to women's health and social equality.

We appreciate the active interest that the Council is taking in the review of the Philippines especially in recommending steps for the government to take to ensure women's equality and non-discrimination.

We hope that this information is useful during the Council's review of the Philippine government's compliance with international human rights standards. Should you have any questions, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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