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FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON BIRTH CONTROL ADOPTED BY INTER-PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL (CONSELHO INTER-PRESBITERIANO, C. I. P.) AT ITS REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN CAMPINAS, STATE OF SAO PAULO, MAY 5, 1967. THOUGH DOUGHERTY STATED DECLARATION WAS RELEASED TO PRESS, CONGEN HAS NOTICED NO RPT NO PUBLICATION. QUOTE:

"AS FOR DOCUMENT 2 AND ATTACHMENTS, REGARDING ACCUSATIONS OF STERILIZATION OF WOMEN IN THE NORTH OF BRAZIL, PRACTICED BY PRESBYTERIANS, ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, IT IS RESOLVED TO STATE:

(A) THAT CIP, ORGANIZATION WHICH REGULATES AND ORIENTS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE IPB "BRAZILIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" AND THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS IN BRAZIL, HAS CONFIDENCE

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IN THE PRESBYTERIANS WHO, WITH SACRIFICE, CARRY OUT A MERITORIOUS SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND EVANGELIC PROGRAM IN THE NORTH OF OUR COUNTRY;

(B) THAT THE SERVICES CARRIED OUT BY THE ESTREITO MEDICAL POST AND IN OTHER PLACES BY THE PERSONNEL OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION IN BRAZIL ARE IN COOPERATION WITH BEMFAM, AND SEEK

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TO ATTEND TO THOSE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE FAMILY, RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONALLY, SUCH AS: (1) THE RIGHTS OF THE PARENTS TO HAVE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN THEY DESIRE TO HAVE; (2) THE RIGHT OF THE CHILDREN TO BE BORN IN A HOME WHERE THEY ARE WANTED AND WHERE THEY CAN RECEIVE ADEQUATE EDUCATION AND FIND THE MEANS NECESSARY TO THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PERSONALITY; (3) THE RIGHT OF THE PARENTS TO RECEIVE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO PROCREATE, SO THAT EFFORTS ARE DIRECTED NOT ONLY TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN, BUT ALSO TO ACHIEVE CAPACITY FOR PROCREATION AMONG COUPLES WHERE THERE EXISTS STERILITY. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE WORK WHICH IS BEING DONE, THUS, IS TO ASSIST IN THE WELL-BEING AND THE HEALTH OF WOMANHOOD, THE FAMILY, AND SOCIETY;

(C) THAT THE ESTREITO MEDICAL POST AIMS AT THE PLANNING OF THE

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FAMILY ALONG INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN ETHICAL PRINCIPLES GENERALLY ACCEPTED, AS WELL AS IN KEEPING WITH THE LAWS OF BRAZIL;

(D) THAT THE NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT INTERFERED, INFLUENCED, OR PARTICIPATED FINANCIALLY IN ANY WAY IN THIS PROGRAM; THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES SOLELY ON BRAZILIANS;

(E) THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BEMFAM IS CONNECTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FAMILY PLANNING, WHICH, IN TURN HOLDS THE SUPPORT OF THE UN;

(F) THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS HOLD, AS A BASIC PRINCIPLE, RESPECT FOR THE CONSCIENCE OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND OF COUPLES;

(G) THAT NO STERILIZATION WAS PRACTICED;

(H) THAT INTRA-UTERINE DEVICES, COMMONLY CALLED "SERPENTINES" WERE USED ON A SMALL NUMBER OF WOMEN, AND ONLY WHEN THE HEALTH OF THE WOMAN REQUIRED THEIR USE;

(I) THAT IN NO CASE WAS THIS DEVICE OR A SIMILAR TYPE OF DEVICE INTRODUCED BY A CLERGYMAN; IN ALL CASES THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES ARE DOCTORS AND NURSES DULY AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF BRAZIL;

(J) THAT THE TREATMENT RELATED WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND

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THE LIMITATION OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS CARRIED OUT IN
A MANNER THAT WOULD NOT GO AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE COUPLES;

(K) THAT ALL PERSONS ATTENDED, COME TO THE MEDICAL POST
VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY PUBLICITY ABOUT ITS ACTIVITIES HAVING
BEEN MADE;

(L) THAT THE IPB AND THE MISSIONS WORK IN THE OPEN; THEY
HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE, SERVING, AS THEY ARE, THEIR NEIGHBORS,
WITH THE AUTHORIZATIONS OF THE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES.

THE INTER-PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL (CIP) IN ITS ORDINARY MEETING
FOR 1967 IN CAMPINAS, S.P., ON MAY 5, 1967, TOOK THIS RE-
SOLUTION." UNQUOTE

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