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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PETITION AGAINST COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION (CSE) AND GENDER EDUCATION**

The Association of Concerned Mothers (ASCOM) which is a registered non-profit and non-governmental organisation that promotes family values and family enrichment programmes has written in a memo sent to the House of Assembly its growing concern to the unwholesome and dangerous ideology called Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) which is being promoted by multiple United Nations representatives and government bodies in Nigeria.

According to ASCOM, research has clearly shown that CSE is one of the most insidious attacks on the safety, health and innocence of children. CSE claims to have an “evidence informed approach to effective sex, relationships and HIV/STI education”. It is however confirmed that this ideology is already in use in government schools and some private schools in our country, and promotes such things as abortion, homosexuality, masturbation and other controversial sexual ideologies to children as young as eight years old.

Further enquiry by ASCOM shows that in a Nigerian Social Studies textbook for JSS1 authored by S. O. Omotuyole (page 50), children are taught ways to give and receive sexual pleasure and develop closeness without sexual intercourse such as kissing, mutual masturbation, among other lewd words. A parent reported that in her daughter’s English note book, she was asked to define blow job, hanky-panky, pillow talk and a host of other words which she was too dumbstruck to imagine. The Basic Science textbooks for children below the ages of 18 are corrupted with different techniques of sexual activity like erections, ejaculation, and sexual intercourse, methods of contraception, withdrawal methods and ways of carrying out abortion which are contrary to our conservative culture

ASCOM reiterates that “teaching our young children that they can obtain sexual pleasure through mutual masturbation, blow job, etc. is an outrage. More of such unwholesome words can be found in literature books *like*

- *Tears of a Bride by Oyekunle Oyedeji,*
- *Precious Little Darlings by Olafosu Ayodeji,*
- *The Precious Child by Queen Okweshiene* and many more.

These books are sexualizing our children without parental consent.

Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) guidelines focus on children seeking “sexual pleasure” instead of teaching children the hazards of premarital sex and

otherwise respecting the customs, laws and culture of our nation. This is not education. CSE simply stands for **Condoms and Sex Everywhere**.

In a statement, ASCOM emphasizes that if CSE is not repudiated by the necessary education bodies, it will bring disrepute upon the entire education system, as more and more parents across the nation learn about and become outraged by CSE guidelines.

The Association of Concerned Mother urgently request the Minister and Commissioners for education to use their good offices to address the Gender education in the curriculum of our children emphasizing that men and women are of equal dignity but are not the same. The differences between the sexes are scientifically proven on physical, mental and affective levels. Gender roles are part of the fabric of our society and many are good and wholesome, based on the truth of differences between the sexes. To discriminate is to make choices based on these unique differences.

On a final note, we enjoin the honourable Minister to take adequate actions as history will judge us parents if we fail to restore our lost values. Let us give our children virtues so they can make the right choices and they will be happier for it. We hope you will join us in this worthy effort to protect our children from receiving inappropriate, dangerous, ideologically driven sex and gender education.



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The House of Representative Chairman  
Committee on Education  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone  
Abuja.

Dear Honourable Chairman

### **PETITION AGAINST COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION (CSE) AND GENDER EDUCATION**

Association of Concerned Mothers (ASCOM) is a registered non-profit and non-governmental organisation promoting family values and family enrichment programmes. We create awareness of the rights and duties of parents towards their children and family through activities focusing on family values and the intellectual and moral education of children.

The family is the most suitable place to initiate children and youths in the practice of good character, values, life skills and wholesome sexual behaviour. While teachers may cooperate in educating the children in the way of good character formation, parents are however the first and best educators. We therefore work with schools and governments to improve school systems, educational policies and practices that foster family values.

We would like to call attention to the unwholesome and dangerous ideology called Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) which is being promoted by multiple United Nations representatives and government bodies in Nigeria. Research has clearly shown that CSE is one of the most insidious attacks on the safety, health and innocence of children. CSE claims to have an “evidence informed approach to effective sex, relationships and HIV/STI education. However, this ideology, which is already in use in government schools and some private schools in our country, promotes such things as abortion, homosexuality, masturbation and other controversial sexual ideologies to children as young as eight years old.

In a Nigerian Social Studies textbook for JSS1 authored by S. O. Omotuyole (page 50), children are taught ways to give and receive sexual pleasure and develop closeness without sexual intercourse such as kissing, mutual masturbation, among other lewd words. A parent reported that in her daughter’s English note book, she was asked to define blow job, hanky-panky, pillow talk and a host of other words which she was too dumbstruck to imagine. The Basic Science textbooks for our children are corrupted with different **techniques** of sexual activity like erections, ejaculation, and sexual intercourse, methods of contraception, withdrawal methods and ways of carrying out abortion.

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They perversely demonstrate with mannequins of genital organs how they can enjoy sex “without any hitches”. This is a gradual process of turning our children into animals and de-civilization of their generation.

Teaching our young children that they can obtain sexual pleasure through mutual masturbation, blow job, etc. is an outrage. There are many who would claim this constitutes child abuse. It is also agreed by many experts that masturbation can and indeed contributes to sexual addiction, while mutual masturbation is nothing but homosexual and lesbian practices. More of such unwholesome words can be found in literature books like

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One of the guidelines or teachers’ manuals states “Contraceptives and condoms give children the opportunity to enjoy their sexuality without unintended consequences.” In light of statistics of condom failure rates and an active HIV/AIDS epidemic, this statement is unconscionable. Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) guidelines focus on children seeking “sexual pleasure” instead of teaching children the hazards of premarital sex and otherwise respecting the customs, laws and culture of our nation. This is not education. CSE simply stands for **Condoms and Sex Everywhere.**

Self-mastery is a key life skill for children and youths to develop. Without acquiring the ability to postpone pleasure for a higher good, they will end up as adults who cannot focus on study and work without being distracted by pleasure. Science has shown that the ability to make decisions with a long term view is not matured in the minds of youths till they are 24 years of age. This is why studies show that school-based sex education does not reduce teenage pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) or any other social problem it claims to tackle. Rather, the amoral presentation of sexual content to children and youth causes these social ills to become more and more rampant and the social dysfunctions multiply in types. Countries who have fully integrated sex education also have legalized abortion, homosexuality, same sex marriage, etc. Is this what Nigerians want or need? If CSE is not repudiated by your Ministry, commissioners of education will bring disrepute upon the entire education system, as more and more parents across the nation learn about and become outraged by CSE guidelines.

We urgently request you also use your good offices to address Gender education in the curriculum of our children. Men and women are of equal dignity but are not the same. The differences between the sexes are scientifically proven on physical, mental and affective levels. Gender roles are part of the fabric of our society and many are good and wholesome, based on the truth of differences between the sexes. To discriminate is to make choices based on these unique differences.

While a good many negative stereotypes do cause harm and violence to women, we soundly denounce attempts to introduce a blanket social ban on all gender stereotyping. This has been introduced into our children’s school books as well as the noxious idea that gender is a social construct. It is such fluid definitions of gender that promote homosexuality, transgenderism and other alternative gender descriptions that fill the international lexicon.

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Cc: Minister of Education  
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