



**UPDATE TO THE COMPLAINT BY POPULATION BALANCE AND FAIR START MOVEMENT
SUBMITTED IN OCTOBER 2021, ON BEHALF OF THE LISTED PERSONS, TO THE UNITED
NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 16 OF THE
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL BILL OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO FOUND A FAMILY**

1. This update is hereby submitted by Fair Start Movement to Complaint Procedure Unit, Human Rights Council Branch, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, Fax: (41 22) 917 90 11, E-mail: CP@ohchr.org.
2. This update is inclusive of all information submitted in the original complaint. Since the original filing, which focused on the failure of the United States to protect the equal rights of all generations under Article 16, several crucial events have transpired.
3. First, the climate and many related crises have accelerated beyond what was expected, with anticipated global warming [anticipated to exceed the 1.5C and other benchmarks](#) originally expected at the inception of the Paris Agreement and many other responsive measures. This acceleration [could cause untold human suffering](#), in part by triggering ecological feedback loops.
4. Second, the acceleration has occurred as political measures, [like the Paris Agreement and COP 27](#), have failed to produce the expected mitigation results. The world [exceeded previous emissions records in 2022](#), despite ambitions to mitigate the crisis. This was in [part due to ballooning world population](#), growth that is based on international and [domestic family](#)

[planning](#) and other policies that remain in place. There are and will be more people at risk, and in [conditions of failing democracy around the world](#), than before.

5. The complainants therefore reiterate the claims made in the original filing – including the claim that Article 16 interpreted in compliance with the original filing would act [as the most fundamental norm](#), a claim seemingly supported by [recent rhetoric from the UNFPA](#). If the creation of families is a fundamental norm, and all norms should be fair, family norms must be interpreted to prevent the intergenerational, ecological, and social harms being inflicted on children. And those norms [must be seen as ecocentric and universal, overriding anthropogenic domestic variants that fall far short](#).

6. We further urge the Council to recognize that Article 16, newly recognized environmental rights, and other related measures must be interpreted to require climate restoration, as well as redistribution of wealth in the form of [equitable family planning entitlements](#) if they are to reach their intended outcomes. There are clear benchmarks for such [restorative](#) and [redistributive policies](#).

7. One clear step towards compliance with the best interpretation of Article 16 would be to urge that programming around the education of young women – around the world - begin with ensuring they understand that [all childrens' right to an ecosocial Fair Start in life \(defined by concrete climate restoration and birth equity measures\), overrides all competing rights and interests as the first and peremptory human right, including any conflicting property rights.](#) **That right should be the [standard or baseline for](#), and the priority use of, evolving loss and damage payments.**

8. This complaint is being submitted on behalf of the complainants, Cassie and Emilia, by the Fair Start Movement, and correspondence with the complainants may be submitted to the Fair Start Movement, Inc., 5451 N Waterfield Dr., Tucson, AZ 85750, 415-483-2316.