# **Meeting Documents**

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COMM1202: Communication II

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**MEMORANDUM** 

To: Chair of CAPRI

From: Oluwapelumi Igwebuike (Chairman)

Date: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Subject: Recommendations

CAPRI recommendation that minors should have access to abortion without parental consent has

created a maelstrom among the stakeholder, therefore the stakeholder coalition plans to hold a

meeting to better explore the recommendation and ventilate social and moral implications of the

recommendation.

On behalf of the stakeholder coalition, I invite you to the meeting where we will discuss your

recommendations and provide suggested alternatives.

On May 17, 2021 by 10:00 am, the meeting will be held, and the venue is at Caribbean Policy

Research Institute (CAPRI) Block H, Sir Alister McIntyre Building, UWI (Mona), Kingston 7,

Jamaica WI.

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES

# 17<sup>th</sup> OF MAY 2021

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Opening Remarks
- 3. Discussion of CAPRI recommendation
- 4. Suggested Alternatives
- 5. Motion to vote
- 6. Adjournment

**ACTION MINUTE** 

Date: May 18, 2021

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CAPRI) Block H, Sir Alister McIntyre Building,

UWI (Mona), Kingston 7, Jamaica WI.

Attendees: CAPRI representatives, government representatives, child protection agencies

representatives and religious groups representatives.

Absent:

Meeting Details

1. Call to Order

The chairperson (Oluwapelumi Igwebuike) called the meeting to order at 10:05am to

approve the minute from the meeting held on May 17, 2021. Meeting attendees voted to

approve the meeting.

2. Opening Remarks

The chairperson gave an opening remark

3. Discussion of CAPRI Recommendation

After the discussion, representatives from the religious group and child protection agency

disagreed with CAPRI recommendation.

4. Suggested Alternatives

- An alternative was given by a representative from the Child Protection Agency to implement sexual reproductive health to high school as a public health policy.
- An alternative that parental consent must be given before minors can have access
  to abortion was given by a representative from the Child Protection Agency.
- An alternative was given by a representative from the Religious group to let abortion remain illegal so as to avoid it been taken for granted by offenders and young females.

### 5. Motion of vote

It was decided by the chairperson that a sexual reproductive health policy will be implemented.

It was decided by the chairperson that minors should have parental consent before they can have access to abortion.

It was decided by the chairperson that abortion should remain illegal.

### 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am by Oluwapelumi Igwebuike

#### PRESS RELEASE

UNDER EMBERGO UNTIL 31st OF MAY 2021

Attention to all Members of public

#### **Outcome of the Stakeholder Coalition Meeting**

KINGSTON Jamaica: The Stakeholder Coalition held a meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CAPRI) Block H, Sir Alister McIntyre Building, UWI (Mona), Kingston 7, Jamaica WI. This meeting was held to discuss and provide alternatives to CAPRI recommendation that minors should have access to abortion without parental consent.

On February 4, 2021, CAPRI held a meeting with the title Coming to Terms: The Social Costs of Unequal Access to Safe Abortion. In this meeting CAPRI gave a recommendation that minors should have access to abortion without parental consent and this recommendation created a maelstrom among various stakeholder groups which led to the formation of stakeholder coalition to discuss and provide alternatives to the recommendation. A Child Protection Agency representative provided the alternative to implement sexual reproductive health to high school as a public health policy and also the alternative that parental consent must be given before minors can have access to abortion, and a representative from the religious group provided the alternative to let abortion remain illegal so as to avoid it been taken for granted by offenders and young females. It was decided by the chairperson that a sexual reproductive health policy will be implemented, and also that minors should have parental consent before they can have access to abortion, and that abortion should remain illegal. The stakeholder coalition assured that this is for the good of women and children. Students within the country will be taught about sexual practices and abortion with the guide of the new policy that will be implemented. This policy will bring about some social reform.

Stakeholder Coalition consists of various stakeholder groups which includes the religious group and child protection agency. This Coalition was formed on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the purpose of discussing CAPRI recommendation and providing alternatives.

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