

**HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING – WARSAW, 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
2011**

**WORKING SESSION III: FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS II – HUMAN RIGHTS  
EDUCATION**

**STATEMENT BY AGUSTIN NUNEZ MARTINEZ, HEAD OF THE SPANISH  
DELEGATION (RIGHT OF REPLY)**

I had not planned on taking the floor today but, in view of the fact that the Spanish NGO “Hazte Oir” has already intervened on three occasions, with statements that, while not false, do not reveal the real state of affairs in Spain, I must state the following:

FIRST. It is simply not true that the right of the parents to choose the kind of education they want for their children, guaranteed by law to all inhabitants of Spain, is nowadays severely hindered. In what concerns specifically the right to choose a Catholic education, the Spanish state has, in the last thirty years, both with right and left oriented governments, been very generous with the financing of Catholic schools, where the beliefs of the Church in matters related to human rights are fully taught and encouraged without any hindrance.

SECOND. My government does not think that providing sex education to teenagers explaining, among other things, the facts that would allow them to avoid unwanted pregnancies goes against the moral convictions of anyone.

Thank you.