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21. VOLUNTARY POPULATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES – MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS (MAY 2006)

Requirements for Voluntary Sterilization Programs

- (1) None of the funds made available under this award shall be used to pay for the performance of involuntary sterilization as a method of family planning or to coerce or provide any financial incentive to any individual to practice sterilization.

Prohibition on Abortion-Related Activities:

- (1) No funds made available under this award will be used to finance, support, or be attributed to the following activities: (i) procurement or distribution of equipment intended to be used for the purpose of inducing abortions as a method of family planning; (ii) special fees or incentives to any person to coerce or motivate them to have abortions; (iii) payments to persons to perform abortions or to solicit persons to undergo abortions; (iv) information, education, training, or communication programs that seek to promote abortion as a method of family planning; and (v) lobbying for or against abortion. The term "motivate", as it relates to family planning assistance, shall not be construed to prohibit the provision, consistent with local law, of information or counseling about all pregnancy options.
- (2) No funds made available under this award will be used to pay for any biomedical research which relates, in whole or in part, to methods of, or the performance of, abortions or involuntary sterilizations as a means of family planning. Epidemiologic or descriptive research to assess the incidence, extent or consequences of abortions is not precluded.

[END OF PROVISION]

**6. VOLUNTARY POPULATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES –
SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS (MAY 2006)**

APPLICABILITY: This provision is applicable to all awards involving any aspect of voluntary population planning activities.

**VOLUNTARY POPULATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES – SUPPLEMENTAL
REQUIREMENTS (MAY 2006)**

- a. Voluntary Participation and Family Planning Methods:
- (1) The recipient agrees to take any steps necessary to ensure that funds made available under this award will not be used to coerce any individual to practice methods of family planning inconsistent with such individual's moral, philosophical, or religious beliefs. Further, the recipient agrees to conduct its activities in a manner which safeguards the rights, health and

welfare of all individuals who take part in the program.

- (2) Activities which provide family planning services or information to individuals, financed in whole or in part under this agreement, shall provide a broad range of family planning methods and services available in the country in which the activity is conducted or shall provide information to such individuals regarding where such methods and services may be obtained.

b. Requirements for Voluntary Family Planning Projects

- (1) A Family planning project must comply with the requirements of this paragraph.
- (2) A project is a discrete activity through which a governmental or nongovernmental organization or public international organization provides family planning services to people and for which funds obligated under this award, or goods or services financed with such funds, are provided under this award, except funds solely for the participation of personnel in short-term, widely attended training conferences or programs.
- (3) Service providers and referral agents in the project shall not implement or be subject to quotas or other numerical targets of total number of births, number of family planning acceptors, or acceptors of a particular method of family planning. Quantitative estimates or indicators of the number of births, acceptors, and acceptors of a particular method that are used for the purpose of budgeting, planning, or reporting with respect to the project are not quotas or targets under this paragraph, unless service providers or referral agents in the project are required to achieve the estimates or indicators.
- (4) The project shall not include the payment of incentives, bribes, gratuities or financial rewards to (i) any individual in exchange for becoming a family planning acceptor or (ii) any personnel performing functions under the project for achieving a numerical quota or target of total number of births, number of family planning acceptors, or acceptors of a particular method of contraception. This restriction applies to salaries or payments paid or made to personnel performing functions under the project if the amount of the salary or payment increases or decreases based on a predetermined number of births, number of family planning acceptors, or number of acceptors of a particular method of contraception that the personnel affect or achieve.
- (5) No person shall be denied any right or benefit, including the right of

access to participate in any program of general welfare or health care, based on the person's decision not to accept family planning services offered by the project.

- (6) The project shall provide family planning acceptors comprehensible information about the health benefits and risks of the method chosen, including those conditions that might render the use of the method inadvisable and those adverse side effects known to be consequent to the use of the method. This requirement may be satisfied by providing information in accordance with the medical practices and standards and health conditions in the country where the project is conducted through counseling, brochures, posters, or package inserts.
- (7) The project shall ensure that experimental contraceptive drugs and devices and medical procedures are provided only in the context of a scientific study in which participants are advised of potential risks and benefits.
- (8) With respect to projects for which USAID provides, or finances the contribution of, contraceptive commodities or technical services and for which there is no subaward or contract under this award, the organization implementing a project for which such assistance is provided shall agree that the project will comply with the requirements of this paragraph while using such commodities or receiving such services.
- (9)
 - i) The recipient shall notify USAID when it learns about an alleged violation in a project of the requirements of subparagraphs (3), (4), (5) or (7) of this paragraph;
 - ii) the recipient shall investigate and take appropriate corrective action, if necessary, when it learns about an alleged violation in a project of subparagraph (6) of this paragraph and shall notify USAID about violations in a project affecting a number of people over a period of time that indicate there is a systemic problem in the project.
 - iii) The recipient shall provide USAID such additional information about violations as USAID may request.

c. Additional Requirements for Voluntary Sterilization Programs

- (1) None of the funds made available under this award shall be used to pay for the performance of involuntary sterilization as a method of family planning or to coerce or provide any financial incentive to any individual to practice sterilization.
- (2) The recipient shall ensure that any surgical sterilization procedures

supported in whole or in part by funds from this award are performed only after the individual has voluntarily appeared at the treatment facility and has given informed consent to the sterilization procedure. Informed consent means the voluntary, knowing assent from the individual after being advised of the surgical procedures to be followed, the attendant discomforts and risks, the benefits to be expected, the availability of alternative methods of family planning, the purpose of the operation and its irreversibility, and the option to withdraw consent anytime prior to the operation. An individual's consent is considered voluntary if it is based upon the exercise of free choice and is not obtained by any special inducement or any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, or other forms of coercion or misrepresentation.

(3) Further, the recipient shall document the patient's informed consent by (i) a written consent document in a language the patient understands and speaks, which explains the basic elements of informed consent, as set out above, and which is signed by the individual and by the attending physician or by the authorized assistant of the attending physician; or (ii) when a patient is unable to read adequately a written certification by the attending physician or by the authorized assistant of the attending physician that the basic elements of informed consent above were orally presented to the patient, and that the patient thereafter consented to the performance of the operation. The receipt of this oral explanation shall be acknowledged by the patient's mark on the certification and by the signature or mark of a witness who shall speak the same language as the patient.

(4) The recipient must retain copies of informed consent forms and certification documents for each voluntary sterilization procedure for a period of three years after performance of the sterilization procedure.

d. Prohibition on Abortion-Related Activities:

(1) No funds made available under this award will be used to finance, support, or be attributed to the following activities: (i) procurement or distribution of equipment intended to be used for the purpose of inducing abortions as a method of family planning; (ii) special fees or incentives to any person to coerce or motivate them to have abortions; (iii) payments to persons to perform abortions or to solicit persons to undergo abortions; (iv) information, education, training, or communication programs that seek to promote abortion as a method of family planning; and (v) lobbying for or against abortion. The term "motivate", as it relates to family planning assistance, shall not be construed to prohibit the provision, consistent with local law, of information or counseling about all pregnancy options.

(2) No funds made available under this award will be used to pay for any

biomedical research which relates, in whole or in part, to methods of, or the performance of, abortions or involuntary sterilizations as a means of family planning. Epidemiologic or descriptive research to assess the incidence, extent or consequences of abortions is not precluded.

- *e. Ineligibility of Foreign Nongovernmental Organizations that Perform or Actively Promote Abortion as a Method of Family Planning.

I. Grants and Cooperative Agreements with U.S. Nongovernmental Organizations

- (1) The recipient agrees that it will not furnish assistance for family planning under this award to any foreign nongovernmental organization that performs or actively promotes abortion as a method of family planning in USAID-recipient countries or that provides financial support to any other foreign nongovernmental organization that conducts such activities. For purposes of this paragraph (e), a foreign nongovernmental organization is a nongovernmental organization that is not organized under the laws of any State of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- (2) Prior to furnishing funds provided under this award to another nongovernmental organization organized under the laws of any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the recipient shall obtain the written agreement of such organization that the organization shall not furnish assistance for family planning under this award to any foreign nongovernmental organization except under the conditions and requirements that are applicable to the recipient as set forth in this paragraph (e).
- (3) The recipient may not furnish assistance for family planning under this award to a foreign nongovernmental organization (the subrecipient) unless:
 - (i) The subrecipient certifies in writing that it does not perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in USAID-recipient countries and does not provide financial support to any other foreign nongovernmental organization that conducts such activities; and
 - (ii) The recipient obtains the written agreement of the subrecipient containing the undertakings described in subparagraph (4) below.
- (4) Prior to furnishing assistance for family planning under this award to a subrecipient, the subrecipient must agree in writing that:
 - (i) The subrecipient will not, while receiving assistance under this

award, perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in USAID-recipient countries or provide financial support to other foreign nongovernmental organizations that conduct such activities;

- (ii) The recipient and authorized representatives of USAID may, at any reasonable time: (A) inspect the documents and materials maintained or prepared by the subrecipient in the usual course of its operations that describe the family planning activities of the subrecipient, including reports, brochures and service statistics; (B) observe the family planning activity conducted by the subrecipient; (C) consult with family planning personnel of the subrecipient; and (D) obtain a copy of the audited financial statement or report of the subrecipient, if there is one;
- (iii) In the event that the recipient or USAID has reasonable cause to believe that a subrecipient may have violated its undertaking not to perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning, the recipient shall review the family planning program of the subrecipient to determine whether a violation of the undertaking has occurred. The subrecipient shall make available to the recipient such books and records and other information as may be reasonably requested in order to conduct the review. USAID may also review the family planning program of the subrecipient under these circumstances, and USAID shall have access to such books and records and information for inspection upon request;
- (iv) The subrecipient shall refund to the recipient the entire amount of assistance for family planning furnished to the subrecipient under this award in the event it is determined that the certification provided by the subrecipient under subparagraph (3), above, is false;
- (v) Assistance for family planning provided to the subrecipient under this award shall be terminated if the subrecipient violates any undertaking in the agreement required by subparagraphs (3) and (4), and the subrecipient shall refund to the recipient the value of any assistance furnished under this award that is used to perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning; and
- (vi) The subrecipient may furnish assistance for family planning under this award to another foreign nongovernmental organization (the subsubrecipient) only if: (A) the sub-subrecipient certifies in writing that it does not perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in USAID-recipient countries and does not provide financial support to any other foreign nongovernmental organization

that conducts such activities; and (B) the subrecipient obtains the written agreement of the sub-subrecipient that contains the same undertakings and obligations to the subrecipient as those provided by the subrecipient to the recipient as described in subparagraphs (4)(i)-(v) above.

- (5) Agreements with subrecipients and sub-subrecipients required under subparagraphs (3) and (4) shall contain the definitions set forth in subparagraph (10) of this paragraph (e).
- (6) The recipient shall be liable to USAID for a refund for a violation of any requirement of this paragraph (e) only if: (i) the recipient knowingly furnishes assistance for family planning to a subrecipient who performs or actively promotes abortion as a method of family planning; or (ii) the certification provided by a subrecipient is false and the recipient failed to make reasonable efforts to verify the validity of the certification prior to furnishing assistance to the subrecipient; or (iii) the recipient knows or has reason to know, by virtue of the monitoring which the recipient is required to perform under the terms of this award, that a subrecipient has violated any of the undertakings required under subparagraph (4) and the recipient fails to terminate assistance for family planning to the subrecipient, or fails to require the subrecipient to terminate assistance to a sub-subrecipient that violates any undertaking of the agreement required under subparagraph 4(vi), above. If the recipient finds, in exercising its monitoring responsibility under this award, that a subrecipient or sub-subrecipient receives frequent requests for the information described in subparagraph (10)(iii)(A)(II), below, the recipient shall verify that this information is being provided properly in accordance with subparagraph (10)(iii)(A)(II) and shall describe to USAID the reasons for reaching its conclusion.
- (7) In submitting a request to USAID for approval of a recipient's decision to furnish assistance for family planning to a subrecipient, the recipient shall include a description of the efforts made by the recipient to verify the validity of the certification provided by the subrecipient. USAID may request the recipient to make additional efforts to verify the validity of the certification. USAID will inform the recipient in writing when USAID is satisfied that reasonable efforts have been made. If USAID concludes that these efforts are reasonable within the meaning of subparagraph (6) above, the recipient shall not be liable to USAID for a refund in the event the subrecipient's certification is false unless the recipient knew the certification to be false or misrepresented to USAID the efforts made by the recipient to verify the validity of the certification.
- (8) It is understood that USAID may make independent inquiries, in the

community served by a subrecipient or sub-subrecipient, regarding whether it performs or actively promotes abortion as a method of family planning.

(9) A subrecipient must provide the certification required under subparagraph (3) and a sub-subrecipient must provide the certification required under subparagraph (4)(vi) each time a new agreement is executed with the subrecipient or sub-subrecipient in furnishing assistance for family planning under the award.

(10) The following definitions apply for purposes of this paragraph (e):

(i) Abortion is a method of family planning when it is for the purpose of spacing births. This includes, but is not limited to, abortions performed for the physical or mental health of the mother, but does not include abortions performed if the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or abortions performed following rape or incest (since abortion under these circumstances is not a family planning act).

(ii) To perform abortions means to operate a facility where abortions are performed as a method of family planning. Excluded from this definition are clinics or hospitals that do not include abortion in their family planning programs. Also excluded from this definition is the treatment of injuries or illnesses caused by legal or illegal abortions, for example, postabortion care.

(iii) To actively promote abortion means for an organization to commit resources, financial or other, in a substantial or continuing effort to increase the availability or use of abortion as a method of family planning.

(A) This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(I) Operating a family planning counseling service that includes, as part of the regular program, providing advice and information regarding the benefits and availability of abortion as a method of family planning;

(II) Providing advice that abortion is an available option in the event other methods of family planning are not used or are not successful or encouraging women to consider abortion (passively responding to a question regarding where a safe, legal abortion may be obtained is not considered active promotion if the question is specifically asked by a woman who is already pregnant, the woman

clearly states that she has already decided to have a legal abortion, and the family planning counselor reasonably believes that the ethics of the medical profession in the country requires a response regarding where it may be obtained safely);

(III) Lobbying a foreign government to legalize or make available abortion as a method of family planning or lobbying such a government to continue the legality of abortion as a method of family planning; and

(IV) Conducting a public information campaign in USAID-recipient countries regarding the benefits and/or availability of abortion as a method of family planning.

(B) Excluded from the definition of active promotion of abortion as a method of family planning are referrals for abortion as a result of rape or incest, or if the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term. Also excluded from this definition is the treatment of injuries or illnesses caused by legal or illegal abortions, for example, post-abortion care.

(C) Action by an individual acting in the individual's capacity shall not be attributed to an organization with which the individual is associated, provided that the organization neither endorses nor provides financial support for the action and takes reasonable steps to ensure that the individual does not improperly represent that the individual is acting on behalf of the organization.

(iv) To furnish assistance for family planning to a foreign nongovernmental organization means to provide financial support under this award to the family planning program of the organization, and includes the transfer of funds made available under this award or goods or services financed with such funds, but does not include the purchase of goods or services from an organization or the participation of an individual in the general training programs of the recipient, subrecipient or sub-subrecipient.

(v) To control an organization means the possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of an organization.

(11) In determining whether a foreign nongovernmental organization is eligible to be a subrecipient or sub-subrecipient of assistance for family planning under this award, the action of separate nongovernmental organizations shall not be imputed to the subrecipient or sub-subrecipient, unless, in the judgment of USAID, a separate nongovernmental organization is being used as a sham to avoid the restrictions of this paragraph (e). Separate nongovernmental organizations are those that have distinct legal existence in accordance with the laws of the countries in which they are organized. Foreign organizations that are separately organized shall not be considered separate, however, if one is controlled by the other. The recipient may request USAID's approval to treat as separate the family planning activities of two or more organizations, that would not be considered separate under the preceding sentence, if the recipient believes, and provides a written justification to USAID therefore, that the family planning activities of the organizations are sufficiently distinct so as to warrant not imputing the activity of one to the other.

(12) Assistance for family planning may be furnished under this award by a recipient, subrecipient or sub-subrecipient to a foreign government event though the government includes abortion in its family planning program, provided that no assistance may be furnished in support of the abortion activity of the government and any funds transferred to the government shall be placed in a segregated account to ensure that such funds may not be used to support the abortion activity of the government.

(13) The requirements of this paragraph are not applicable to child spacing assistance furnished to a foreign nongovernmental organization that is engaged primarily in providing health services if the objective of the assistance is to finance integrated health care services to mothers and children and child spacing is one of several health care services being provided by the organization as part of a larger child survival effort with the objective of reducing infant and child mortality.

II. Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Non-U.S., Nongovernmental Organizations

(1) The recipient certifies that it does not now and will not during the term of this award perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in USAID-recipient countries or provide financial support to any other foreign nongovernmental organization that conducts such activities. For purposes of this paragraph (e), a foreign nongovernmental organization is a nongovernmental organization that is not organized under the laws of any State of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(2) The recipient agrees that the authorized representative of USAID may, at any reasonable time: (i) inspect the documents and materials maintained or prepared by the recipient in the usual course of its operations that describe the

family planning activities of the recipient, including reports, brochures and service statistics; (ii) observe the family planning activity conducted by the recipient, (iii) consult with the family planning personnel of the recipient; and (iv) obtain a copy of the audited financial statement or report of the recipient, if there is one.

(3) In the event USAID has reasonable cause to believe that the recipient may have violated its undertaking not to perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning, the recipient shall make available to USAID such books and records and other information as USAID may reasonably request in order to determine whether a violation of the undertaking has occurred.

(4) The recipient shall refund to USAID the entire amount of assistance for family planning furnished under this award in the event it is determined that the certification provided by the recipient under subparagraph (1), above, is false.

(5) Assistance for family planning to the recipient under this award shall be terminated if the recipient violates any undertaking required by this paragraph (e), and the recipient shall refund to USAID the value of any assistance furnished under this award that is used to perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning.

(6) The recipient may not furnish assistance for family planning under this award to a foreign nongovernmental organization (the subrecipient) unless: (i) the subrecipient certifies in writing that it does not perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in USAID-recipient countries and does not provide financial support to any other foreign nongovernmental organization that conducts such activities; and (ii) the recipient obtains the written agreement of the subrecipient containing the undertakings described in subparagraph (7), below.

(7) Prior to furnishing assistance for family planning under this award to a subrecipient, the subrecipient must agree in writing that:

(i) The subrecipient will not, while receiving assistance under this award, perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in USAID-recipient countries or provide financial support to other nongovernmental organizations that conduct such activities.

(ii) The recipient and authorized representatives of USAID may, at any reasonable time: (A) inspect the documents and materials maintained or prepared by the subrecipient in the usual course of its operations that describe the family planning activities of the subrecipient, including reports, brochures and service statistics; (B) observe the family planning activity conducted by the subrecipient; (C) consult with family planning personnel of the subrecipient; and (D) obtain a copy of the audited financial statement or report of the subrecipient, if there is one.

(iii) In the event the recipient or USAID has reasonable cause to believe that a subrecipient may have violated its undertaking not to perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning, the recipient shall review the family planning program of the subrecipient to determine whether a violation of the undertaking has occurred. The subrecipient shall make available to the recipient such books and records and other information as may be reasonably requested in order to conduct the review. USAID may also review the family planning program of the subrecipient under these circumstances, and USAID shall have access to such books and records and information for inspection upon request.

(iv) The subrecipient shall refund to the recipient the entire amount of assistance for family planning furnished to the subrecipient under this award in the event it is determined that the certification provided by the subrecipient under subparagraph (6), above, is false.

(v) Assistance for family planning to the subrecipient under this award shall be terminated if the subrecipient violates any undertaking required by this paragraph (e), and the subrecipient shall refund to the recipient the value of any assistance furnished under this award that is used to perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning.

(vi) The subrecipient may furnish assistance for family planning under this award to another foreign nongovernmental organization (the subsubrecipient) only if: (A) the sub-subrecipient certifies in writing that it does not perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in USAID-recipient countries and does not provide financial support to any other foreign nongovernmental organization that conducts such activities; and (B) the subrecipient obtains the written agreement of the sub-subrecipient that contains the same undertakings and obligations to the subrecipient as those provided by the subrecipient to the recipient as described in subparagraphs (7)(i)-(v), above.

(8) Agreements with subrecipients and sub-subrecipients required under subparagraphs (6) and (7) shall contain the definitions set forth in subparagraph (13) of this paragraph (e).

(9) The recipient shall be liable to USAID for a refund for a violation by a subrecipient relating to its certification required under subparagraph (6) or by a subrecipient or a sub-subrecipient relating to its undertakings in the agreement required under subparagraphs (6) and (7) only if: (i) the recipient knowingly furnishes assistance for family planning to a subrecipient that performs or actively promotes abortion as a method of family planning; or (ii) the certification provided by a subrecipient is false and the recipient failed to make reasonable efforts to verify the validity of the certification prior to furnishing assistance to the

subrecipient; or (iii) the recipient knows or has reason to know, by virtue of the monitoring that the recipient is required to perform under the terms of this award, that a subrecipient has violated any of the undertakings required under subparagraph (7) and the recipient fails to terminate assistance for family planning to the subrecipient, or fails to require the subrecipient to terminate assistance to a sub-subrecipient that violates any undertaking of the agreement required under subparagraph 7(vi), above. If the recipient finds, in exercising its monitoring responsibility under this award, that a subrecipient or sub-subrecipient receives frequent requests for the information described in subparagraph (13)(iii)(A)(II), below, the recipient shall verify that this information is being provided properly in accordance with subparagraph 13(iii)(A)(II) and shall describe to USAID the reasons for reaching its conclusion.

(10) In submitting a request to USAID for approval of a recipient's decision to furnish assistance for family planning to a subrecipient, the recipient shall include a description of the efforts made by the recipient to verify the validity of the certification provided by the subrecipient. USAID may request the recipient to make additional efforts to verify the validity of the certification. USAID will inform the recipient in writing when USAID is satisfied that reasonable efforts have been made. If USAID concludes that these efforts are reasonable within the meaning of subparagraph (9) above, the recipient shall not be liable to USAID for a refund in the event the subrecipient's certification is false unless the recipient knew the certification to be false or misrepresented to USAID the efforts made by the recipient to verify the validity of the certification.

(11) It is understood that USAID may make independent inquiries, in the community served by a subrecipient or sub-subrecipient, regarding whether it performs or actively promotes abortion as a method of family planning.

(12) A subrecipient must provide the certification required under subparagraph (6) and a sub-subrecipient must provide the certification required under subparagraph (7)(vi) each time a new agreement is executed with the subrecipient or sub-subrecipient in furnishing assistance for family planning under this award.

(13) The following definitions apply for purposes of paragraph (e):

(i) Abortion is a method of family planning when it is for the purpose of spacing births. This includes, but is not limited to, abortions performed for the physical or mental health of the mother but does not include abortions performed if the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or abortions performed following rape or incest (since abortion under these circumstances is not a family planning act).

(ii) To perform abortions means to operate a facility where abortions are performed as a method of family planning. Excluded from this

definition are clinics or hospitals that do not include abortion in their family planning programs. Also excluded from this definition is the treatment of injuries or illnesses caused by legal or illegal abortions, for example, post-abortion care.

(iii) To actively promote abortion means for an organization to commit resources, financial or other, in a substantial or continuing effort to increase the availability or use of abortion as a method of family planning.

(A) This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(I) Operating a family planning counseling service that includes, as part of the regular program, providing advice and information regarding the benefits and availability of abortion as a method of family planning;

(II) Providing advice that abortion is an available option in the event other methods of family planning are not used or are not successful or encouraging women to consider abortion (passively responding to a question regarding where a safe, legal abortion may be obtained is not considered active promotion if the question is specifically asked by a woman who is already pregnant, the woman clearly states that she has already decided to have a legal abortion, and the family planning counselor reasonably believes that the ethics of the medical profession in the country requires a response regarding where it may be obtained safely);

(III) Lobbying a foreign government to legalize or make available abortion as a method of family planning or lobbying such a government to continue the legality of abortion as a method of family planning; and

(IV) Conducting a public information campaign in USAID-recipient countries regarding the benefits and/or availability of abortion as a method of family planning.

(B) Excluded from the definition of active promotion of abortion as a method of family planning are referrals for abortion as a result of rape or incest or if the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term. Also excluded from this definition is the treatment of injuries or illnesses caused by legal or illegal abortions, for example, post-abortion care.

(C) Action by an individual acting in the individual's own capacity shall not be attributed to an organization with which the individual is associated, provided that the organization neither endorses nor provides financial support for the action and takes reasonable steps to ensure that the individual does not improperly represent the individual is acting on behalf of the organization.

(iv) To furnish assistance for family planning to a foreign nongovernmental organization means to provide financial support under this award to the family planning program of the organization, and includes the transfer of funds made available under this award or goods or services financed with such funds, but does not include the purchase of goods or services from an organization or the participation of an individual in the general training programs of the recipient, subrecipient or sub-subrecipient.

(v) To control an organization means the possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of an organization.

(14) In determining whether a foreign nongovernmental organization is eligible to be a recipient, subrecipient or sub-subrecipient of assistance for family planning under this award, the action of separate nongovernmental organizations shall not be imputed to the recipient, subrecipient or sub-subrecipient, unless, in the judgment of USAID, a separate nongovernmental organization is being used as a sham to avoid the restrictions of this paragraph (e). Separate nongovernmental organizations are those that have distinct legal existence in accordance with the laws of the countries in which they are organized. Foreign organizations that are separately organized shall not be considered separate, however, if one is controlled by the other. The recipient may request USAID's approval to treat as separate the family planning activities of two or more organizations, which would not be considered separate under the preceding sentence, if the recipient believes, and provides a written justification to USAID therefore, that the family planning activities of the organizations are sufficiently distinct so as to warrant not imputing the activity of one of the other.

(15) Assistance for family planning may be furnished under this award by a recipient, subrecipient or sub-subrecipient to a foreign government even though the government includes abortion in its family planning program, provided that no assistance may be furnished in support of the abortion activity of the government and any funds transferred to the government shall be placed in a segregated account to ensure that such funds may not be used to support the abortion activity of the government.

(16) The requirements of this paragraph are not applicable to child spacing assistance furnished to a foreign nongovernmental organization that is engaged

primarily in providing health services if the objective of the assistance is to finance integrated health care services to mothers and children and child spacing is one of several health care services being provided by the organization as part of a larger child survival effort with the objective of reducing infant and child mortality.

III. Exceptions

The paragraphs set forth in sections (I) and (II) above are not applicable in the situations described below:

(1) While the paragraphs are to be used in grants and cooperative agreements (and assistance subagreements) that provide financing for family planning activity or activities, if family planning is a component of an activity involving assistance or other purposes, such as food and nutrition, health for education, paragraph (e), "Ineligibility of Foreign Nongovernmental Organizations that Perform or Actively Promote Abortion as a Method of Family Planning," applies only to the family planning component.

(2) When health or child survival funds are used to provide assistance for child spacing as well as health purposes, these paragraphs are applicable to such assistance unless: (a) the foreign nongovernmental organization is one that primarily provides health services; (b) the objective of the assistance is to finance integrated health care services to mothers and children; and (c) child spacing is one of several health care services being provided as part of a larger child survival effort with the objective of reducing infant and child mortality. These paragraphs need not be included in the assistance agreement if it indicates that assistance for child spacing will be provided only in this way. USAID support under these circumstances is considered a contribution to a health service delivery program and not to a family planning program. In such a case, these paragraphs need not be included in an assistance agreement.

(3) These paragraphs need not be included in assistance agreements with United States nongovernmental organizations for family planning purposes if implementation of the activity does not involve assistance to foreign nongovernmental organizations.

*f. The recipient shall insert paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), and (f) of this provision in all subsequent subagreements and contracts involving family planning or population activities that will be supported in whole or in part from funds under this award. Paragraph (e) shall be inserted in subagreements and sub-subagreements in accordance with the terms of paragraph (e). The term subagreement means subgrants and subcooperative agreements.

[END OF PROVISION]