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## **To the Spanish Government**

Dear Sirs and Madams,

With great concern we are following the plans of the Spanish government to repeal the abortion law making legal the termination of pregnancies.

Similar to Austria and most other European states it holds true for Spain as well: Nobody is forced to have an abortion but just as well women's decision against unwanted pregnancies must be respected and not be criminalized!

Comparing the situation throughout Europe it is obvious: Liberal regulations of abortion such as in Scandinavia or the Netherlands, the costs for abortions being covered by the health insurance like in Switzerland are reducing the number of abortions! Bans and punishments do not encourage women to decide in favour of children. Bans and punishments only push women into illegality. And abortions carried out under illegal circumstances are a serious danger for women's health and physical integrity.

Therefore we urgently request you to keep up the current abortion law in Spain; regulations for abortion are no ideological issues but constitute a pragmatic framework guaranteeing and promoting women's sexual and reproductive health!

Women's right to decide freely over their bodies is an indispensable part of human dignity and privacy.

Send a signal of freedom, self-determination and human dignity!