

OHCHR COMMITTEE

Resolution Paper

COMMITTEE: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

QUESTION OF: Implementing common measures to recognize access to abortion as a human right;

SPONSORS: United States of America, United Kingdom and Republic of Iraq;

CO-SPONSORS: French Republic;

SIGNATORIES: United States of America, United Kingdom, France Republic, Dominion of Canada, Italian Republic, Federative Republic of Brazil, United Mexican States, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Turkey, Republic of Poland, Argentine Republic, Kingdom of Sweden, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of South Africa, Republic of Colombia, Republic of Iraq.

THE OHCHR COMMITTEE,

-Acknowledging the complexity of the issue;

-Considering the necessity of focusing on respecting the WHO guidelines in regards to abortion;

-Taking into account the necessity of ensuring the right to privacy;

has agreed on the following:

1. Providing economic support in order to prevent illegal abortions through a global fund created by the Signatories Countries, in the hope that other countries will join it;
2. Collecting more precise data about abortion in order to have a general outlook of the current situation to be able to intervene in a more effective way;
3. Raising awareness through educational projects in schools and in workplaces in order to expand the general public's knowledge regarding unsafe abortions through national government programmes;
4. Organizing conventions where health-care professionals can interact with the general public in order to educate them about abortion practices (with the exception of the delegation of Indonesia, Egypt, Iraq);
5. Banning violent anti-abortion manifestations near abortion clinics in order to safeguard the privacy and the personal integrity of people who want to undergo a legal abortion procedure;

6. Ensuring mental health support in order to give an effective psychological help to people during the whole pregnancy termination process. This measure will be guaranteed through the usage of the public fund previously mentioned (with the exception for the United States of America);
7. Urging Signatories Countries to implement the WHO guidelines in regards to abortion (with the exception of the delegation of Poland);
8. Clarifying the proofs that are required by law in order to have an abortion in the countries where regulations about abortion are more restrictive;
9. Mandating that all health professionals that refuse to perform an abortion must provide the location of another doctor who will do the procedure in order to always have the procedure guaranteed;
10. Ensuring the adequate access to information for patients in order to freely express their needs and preferences about their health. Informations should be provided on the different methods of termination of pregnancy, the scope and consequences of this;
11. Establishing the creation of a phone line in each Signatories Country which provides information about abortion. This phone line will be staffed with employees of the country's government (with the exception of the delegation of the United States of America).