

Annex C: Examples of Global Concern regarding the Effect of US Abortion Restrictions on Girls and Women Raped and Impregnated in Armed Conflict

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European Parliament Resolution of June 13, 2013 on the post-2015 UN Millennium Development Goals (2012/2289 (INI))

31. Urges that the provision of EU humanitarian aid that contributes to the attainment of the MDGs and should effectively be excluded from the restrictions on humanitarian aid imposed by the USA or other donors, in particular by ensuring access to abortion for women and girls who are victims of rape in armed conflicts;

European Parliament Resolution of March 13, 2012 on equality between women and men (2011/2244 (INI))

61. Reminds the Commission and the Member States of their commitment to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, and urges the provision of EU humanitarian aid to be made effectively independent from the restrictions on humanitarian aid imposed by the USA, in particular by ensuring access to abortion for women and girls who are victims of rape in armed conflicts;

II. Responses by Dutch Ministers to parliamentary questions expressing concern over the impact of US abortion restrictions

Written parliamentary answers from Frans Timmermans, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Liliaane Ploumen, Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Aid, in answer to questions from Parliament Member Sjoerd Sjoerdsma regarding safe abortion for raped women in war zones, March 8, 2013

(Following is an unofficial translation of a relevant excerpt of these questions and answers. The original document from the Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken is available in Dutch at <http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten-en-publicaties/kamerstukken/2013/04/08/beantwoording-kamervragen-over-veilige-abortus-voor-verkrachte-vrouwen-in-oorlogsgebieden.html>.)

Question 4: Have you been made aware of the news that the American government imposes a “no abortion” clause on its foreign aid, which means that no safe abortion will be provided to women and girls raped in war zones? If so, what is your response?

Answer: We have recently been made aware of this clause. Our government believes that all women and girls who have been raped in war zones should have access to full medical care, including safe abortions.

Question 5: Are you willing to urge the American government to interpret the so called “Helms Amendment” in such a way that American aid funding can be used to provide safe abortions to women and girls who have been raped in war zones?

Answer: Yes

Question 6: Does the American “no abortion” clause directly or indirectly affect the Dutch, European or UN humanitarian efforts since this clause also applies to all humanitarian activities co financed by the US? If so, are you prepared to guarantee that humanitarian organization (Original text states “aid organization”) funded by the Netherlands or the EU will not be hindered by this clause?

Answer: There have not been any cases as of yet known to Parliament where Dutch foreign aid has had to deal with the “no abortion” clause. However in cases where the UN mixes Dutch unmarked aid with American aid (going towards organizations where the ‘no abortion’ clause applies), there is no guarantee that the Dutch part of this aid won't also fall under this “no abortion” clause. That is why the Netherlands will raise this issue in the EU and in the relevant UN organizations.

III. List of organizations that sent letters to the President of the United States urging him to immediately lift abortion restrictions on humanitarian aid

(All letters are available on the Global Justice Center’s website at <http://globaljusticecenter.net/index.php/our-work/geneva-initiative/august-12th-campaign/u-s-abortion-restrictions/letters-to-president-obama>.)

- Action Aid
- Alliance for Justice
- Amanitare Sexual Rights Network
- American Jewish World Service
- American Medical Women’s Association
- Amnesty International USA
- Anglican Women’s Empowerment
- Association of Egyptian Female Lawyers (AEFL)
- Association for Women’s Development (AWID)
- Center for Health and Gender Equality (CHANGE)
- Centre for Reproductive Rights
- Centre for Women’s Global Leadership,
- Center for Women Policy Studies
- Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights
- Criminal Bar Association (London)
- Egyptian Center for Women’s Rights
- Engender South Africa

- Engender Health
- Equality Now
- European Parliament Working Group on Reproductive Health, HIV/Aids and Development
- European Women Lawyers Association
- European Women's Lobby
- Feminist Majority Foundation
- Femmes Africa Solidarite
- International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH USA)
- Gender Action
- German Women Lawyers Association (Deutscher Juristinnenbund)
- Global Network for Women Peacebuilders
- Int'l Criminal Legal Bureau
- International Federation of Women's Lawyers (FIDA International)
- FIDA Kenya
- FIDA Nigeria
- FIDA Uganda
- International Planned Parenthood Foundation
- IPAS
- Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network
- Legal Momentum
- Medica Mondiale
- Medical Women's International Association
- National Organization for Women Foundation (NOW)
- National Alliance of Women's Organizations (NAWO)
- Network4Africa
- The New York City Bar Association
- Nine Bedford Row
- The Norwegian Bar Association
- The Paris Bar Association
- Partners in Health
- Physicians for Human Rights
- Pennsylvania Coalition against Rape
- Santa Barbara Women's Lawyers
- Solidarity for African Women's Rights
- Synergie des Femmes pour les Victimes des Violences Sexuelles (SFVS)
- Unione Degli Atei E Degli Agnostici Razionalisti
- V-Day
- Women on Waves
- Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights,

- Women’s League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
- Women’s Law Project
- Women’s Link Worldwide,
- World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)
- Women's Synergy for Victims of Sexual Violence
- Members of the Queen’s Counsel U.K.
- Asociacion y lideres en Accion, Colombia
- Catolicas por el derecho a decidir, Colombia
- Rincon Perfetti Abogados y Consultores Internacionales, Colombia
- Fundacion Orientame, Colombia
- Fundacion Colombia Diversa, Colombia
- Centro de Estudios Interdisciplinario sobre las Mujeres
- Fundacion para la Formacion de Lideres Afrocolombianos Afolider, Colombia
- Conferencia National de Organizaciones Afrocolombianas Cnoa, Colombia