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Public statement

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The Spanish Federation of Family Planning (FPFE), the Spanish Society of Contraception and the following members in the Spanish Society of Public Health and Health Administration (SESPAS): Spanish Society of Epidemiology (SEE), Society of Public Health of Cataluña y Baleares (SSPCiB), Association of Public Health of Madrid (AMASAP), Spanish Society of Environmental Health (SESA), Spanish Society of Psychiatric Epidemiology (SEEP), Andalusian Society of Public Health and Health Administration (Hypatia / SASPAS), Health Economy Association (AES), Spanish Primary Care Network (REAP) and the Society of Public Health of Canarias (SCSP), call for the stalling of the abortion reform in Spain.

Under this reform to be finally approved in September, girls of 16-to-18 are required to secure parental consent before terminating their pregnancies. This bill undermines women's legal autonomy, ignores that almost 90% of minors who have interrupted pregnancy have done it informing their parents and being accompanied by them, and puts at risk a small but very vulnerable group: those girls at risk of abuse or social exclusion whom this legislative reform could be driven to clandestine abortions, helplessness and legal insecurity. The reasons given by the Executive to amend the law confuse public opinion by concealing the objective reality, and do not take into account the recommendations of international bodies.

The medical and health entities signing this statement have signed a public statement in which besides the suspension of this bill we call for a full implementation of the national strategy of sexual and reproductive health, with emphasis on training teachers on a comprehensive sexual education, improving access to sexual and reproductive health and family planning services especially for the most vulnerable groups of the population, and increasing funding of ensuring the availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality of health services, information and education in the area of sexual and reproductive health, including modern and reliable contraceptives .

Attached full public statement