



**ALL OF US Joint Declaration:
Mobilizing for sexual and reproductive rights EVERYWHERE**

The world witnessed over the past weeks yet another terrifying step backwards with respect to sexual and reproductive health and rights with the Global Gag Rule being reinstated and massively expanded by president Trump. Fundamental rights, human rights, which we had thought to be achieved, are seriously under threat. We want to give a voice to the younger generation that would pay the highest price if the alarming attempts to turn back time succeed.

We, the undersigned, committed to the EU values of dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and the respect for human rights, declare that:

ALL OF US believe that every woman and girl, no matter where, has the right to decide freely on matters related to her life, her body and her health! We believe that education and giving a voice to the younger generation is key to strengthening this basic human right;

ALL OF US call on national governments of all EU Member States to counter the Global Gag Rule by increasing their funds for all NGOs engaged in global health assistance, including HIV prevention, treatment and care, integrated maternal health with contraceptive services, access to safe abortion, including both access to abortion services as well as advocacy for safe abortion, counselling and access to SRHR services for refugee and displaced women and access to family planning, abortion care and support for all women at potential risk of Zika infection;

ALL OF US call on the EU Commission to thoroughly investigate all options available in order to set up a fund compensating for the tremendous losses resulting from the expansion of the Gag Rule;

ALL OF US call for a stop to the violation of the fundamental right of every women to decide over her own body, thus calling for affordable and widely available access for all women to safe and legal abortion;

ALL OF US underline that sexual and reproductive rights are enshrined in international human rights law, upon which the foundations and values of EU fundamental rights lie;

ALL OF US stand united in the fight against the societal backlash of womens' rights and gender equality, which we are witnessing in so many countries at the moment;

ALL OF US highlight the tremendous importance of a comprehensive and age-appropriate sexuality and relationship education for children available to all age groups;

ALL OF US call for effective curricula as well as learning and teaching materials on comprehensive sexuality and relationship education for boys and girls;

ALL OF US emphasize the importance of addressing norms around gender and sexuality, equality, empowerment, non-discrimination and respect for diversity within education on sexual and reproductive health;

ALL OF US underlines that the rights of LGBTQ people is a part of our agenda to reinforce sexual and reproductive health and rights, and that in particular LGBTQ youth must be supported;