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**FIAPAC Statement on the situation in Poland**

As an international organisation that represents those working in contraception and abortion care in 31 countries around the world,  FIAPAC is appalled by the decision taken by the Polish Government to further restrict abortion in Poland. The country already has one of the most restrictive laws in Europe, which causes women to travel abroad, buy medication from the internet and pay for clandestine procedures.

We stand with the women in Poland who are protesting against this laws and pledge to provide whatever help we can, in our own countries, to support Polish women’s need for abortion and to urge the Government to step back from implementing a barbaric law.

Women need safe and legal abortion as early as possible and as late as necessary.

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