Strasbourg, 21 April 2020

Dear members of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights,

I refer to your recent call to uphold the health rights of girls and women, and citizens to access accurate information and comprehensive sexual education in Poland.

Legislative initiatives with such a potentially large impact on the society, and on women’s rights in particular, need indeed to be subject to a public debate. The current confinement situation certainly limits the possibilities for such a public debate, including proper consultation of the civil society.

These concerns have been at the centre of the reactions from civil society as well as from the international community, including that of our Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Dunja Mijatović. I have noted with interest the decision of the Polish Parliament to refer the relevant texts to its sub-committees.

I will continue to closely follow this question and any further developments that may arise.

Yours sincerely,

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