

## European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights Forum parlementaire européen pour les droits sexuels et reproductifs Европейский парламентский форум по сексуальным и репродуктивным правам

H.E. Paulette LENERT Deputy Prime Minister Minister for Consumer Protection Minister of Health Minister Delegate of Social Security

H.E. Claude HAAGEN Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development Minister of Social Security

9 May 2023

## Luxembourg: Contraceptives to be reimbursed at 100% with no age limit from 1 April 2023

Your Excellency Minister Lenert, Your Excellency Minister Haagen,

It is with great appreciation that we learned about the measure adopted by your Government in March this year relating to contraception, notably ensuring the 100% reimbursement of contraceptives with no age limit. With this letter, we wish to commend the efforts Luxembourg is making towards the goal of achieving zero unmet need for family planning information and services and thus towards achieving universal health coverage.

Numerous international agreements have stressed the importance of providing universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, including the **Sustainable Development Goals.** Contraception provision also forms an integral part of the **1994 Cairo Plan of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development**, ICPD PoA. It was once again reaffirmed during the **2019 Nairobi Summit** where governments and nations pledged to achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights as a part of universal health coverage (UHC). As we approach the **30 years review of the ICPD in 2024**, we, as a global community need to focus all our efforts to deliver on our promises.

Since 2017, we, the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Health publish the European Contraception Policy Atlas. We have seen Luxembourg's score going up steadily from 60,9 in 2017 to 85,2 in 2023 in providing contraception services, counselling and information. With the new measures put in place, Luxembourg will take its deserved place among the European champion nations such as the UK, Belgium and France in providing high quality sexual and reproductive health services to its population. The annual launch of the Contraception Policy Atlas takes place every year on **Valentine's day at the European Parliament** in Brussels and herewith wish to extend the invitation and request you to pencil this date, **February 2024** in your calendar to join us and to celebrate our common efforts in improving the lives of European citizens.

About EPF: The **European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights** is a network of Members of Parliament throughout Europe who are committed to protecting the sexual and reproductive rights (SRHR) of all people, both at home and overseas. The Secretariat is based in Brussels.

Sincerely,

Hon. Petra Bayr, MP (Austria) EPF President Neil Datta, EPF Executive Director Hon. Sophie in 't Veld, MEP, Co-Chair MEPs for Sexual and Reproductive Rights Hon. Predrag Fred Matic, MEP, Co-Chair MEPs for Sexual and Reproductive Rights