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Dear Sirs,

It has come to my attention that Poland’s highest court ruled that abortion on the basis of foetal malformation or other anomaly is unconstitutional. By doing so, the court has decided to almost completely outlaw abortion for its citizens.

Our countries share much and our histories are intertwined. 76 years ago, Polish forces of the 1st armour division played a vital role in the liberation of Belgium. Peace was and still is one of the ways we strive for achieving liberty. The common advancement of human rights for all Europeans, another.

This decision gravely jeopardises women’s access to healthcare and threatens their lives and fundamental right to self-determination, contradicting the ethos of international standards in sexual and reproductive health rights. And to what end?

Life protected at the cost of quality of life is not an advancement. It is a form of imprisonment which the Polish people do not deserve. A democracy provides its citizens with the freedom to decide on their own, especially when that decision regards their own body.

The number of terminated pregnancies will not drop. Women will be forced either to go abroad or to call on clandestine abortionists. The result of the latter will be sobering: dozens of preventable deaths, countless more with permanent injuries.

I strongly request that the Polish government respects its citizens’ rights by allowing them to choose for themselves when it comes to matters of reproduction.

Sincerely,