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AGENDA ITEM: Reproductive, Sexual and Maternal Health



Background

The delegate of Argentina is here to present the views on the reproductive, Sexual and Maternal Health of women. We believe the women are dynamic, vibrant, remarkable, resilient, tenacious and have enough potential to face all odds, challenges and obstacles. They play a significant role in shaping a nation's development and play an essential role towards achievement of transformational economic, environmental and social changes required. The status of women in Argentina has changed and now they have attained high level of equality. Thus, female leadership is increased.

Various health issues tend to affect women which is reproductive health. Reproductive health associates with conditions in which reproductive cycles are released in whole body . Thus, women 's health and reproductive health are our high priorities.

We the government of Argentina have taken steps to remedy some of the issues

1 On 30th December 2020, we legalized abortion up to 14 weeks of pregnancy. Previously, it was only legal in the cases of sexual harassment or when a women's life was in danger. It calls for greater autonomy for women to have control over their own bodies and control of their reproductive rights and also providing better healthcare for pregnant women and young mothers

2 Under article 85 of the Criminal Code, abortion is criminalized. The person who is performing the abortion and the woman who causes her own abortion both give their consents for the abortion to be performed may be sanctioned. However, article 86 states that it's not even punishable if abortion takes place with a consent of pregnant woman in order to avoid danger to the life or health of the mother.

3 Another law, aimed at providing comprehensive health care during pregnancy and early childhood, was also passed.

Women and Girls should enjoy the right to make decisions about their reproductive rights and pregnancies, with rights to equality, dignity, physical and mental integrity and the highest attainable standard of health. Women also have the right to be free from torture and not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. Thus we aim for healthy future for women.