



## **Resolution passed by 601 health professionals working in abortion and family planning coming from 53 countries**

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Termination of an unwanted pregnancy is the most frequently performed clinical intervention in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Safe provision has therefore a huge impact not only on women but also on society as a whole. Reducing the occurrence of unwanted pregnancies by sexual education, easy access to effective contraceptive methods and the provision of safe abortion has resulted in significant reduction in maternal morbidity and mortality. FIAPAC is dedicated to improve contraceptive use and the medical standard of abortion care when needed.

The participants of the 9th FIAPAC conference therefore encourage the Spanish society to provide prevention of unwanted pregnancies as well as best medical care for women with an unwanted pregnancy as manifested in the Spanish new law.

Please find more information in the Berlin Declaration, which is online at:

[http://www.fiapac.org/pages/en/about-us/federation/test1.php?searchresult=1&sstring=declaration - wb\\_section\\_129?phpMyAdmin=LNnPTp9uIV39b-McBypzPD84EE3](http://www.fiapac.org/pages/en/about-us/federation/test1.php?searchresult=1&sstring=declaration-wb_section_129?phpMyAdmin=LNnPTp9uIV39b-McBypzPD84EE3)

### **Concerning refusal to offer medical treatment based on private beliefs**

Participants of the FIAPAC conference object to the use of conscientious objection in reproductive health.

Abortion services and legislation is a basic and potentially life saving medical service for women to which they have a right.

The FIAPAC expresses it's deep concern with the recent Council of Europe resolution on "The right to conscientious objection in lawful medical care".

FIAPAC supports the original report approved by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee "Women's access to lawful medical care: the problem of unregulated use of conscientious objection".

FIAPAC further points to the ethical obligation of health professionals to provide legal medical services and to give priority to basic needs of patients over private beliefs.