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**FIAPAC Statement on 'She decides ...'**

FIAPAC, the international federation of professionals involved in contraception and abortion care,  applauds those countries that have pledged funds over and above their existing aid  commitments, to make good the financial deficit caused by President Trump’s  ban on US aid to overseas groups that provide abortion or abortion advocacy.

Earlier this month more than 50 countries sent delegates to a meeting in Brussels to discuss the international response to Trump, and they committed 180 million euros to a fund (She Decides) launched by the Belgian Deputy prime Minister as an immediate response to the US administration re-imposition of restrictions  of it’s aid recipients. These restrictions have come to be known as the Global Gag Rule.

FIAPAC believes abortion services should be seen as basic health care and are essential in all country settings. The Federation is asking its own members to mark International Women’s Day by calling on their own Governments to commit to the She Decides Fund, and joining the actions of those around the world who are using the day to protest against restrictions on women’s freedom to make their own reproductive choices.

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