



**Statement of the General Secretary of COMECE
on the Resolution of the European Parliament entitled
“US Supreme Court decision to overturn abortion rights in the
United States and the need to safeguard abortion rights and
Women’s health in the EU”**

We regret yesterday’s adoption of this resolution by the European Parliament, which paves the way for a deviation from universally recognized human rights and misrepresents the tragedy of abortion for mothers in difficulties. We must work for more unity among Europeans, not to create higher ideological barriers and polarization. We must support pregnant mothers and accompany them to overcome their difficulties in problematic situations.

The European Parliament should not enter into an area, such as abortion, which is out of its competence, nor interfere in the internal affairs of democratic EU or non-EU countries. Promoting radical political agendas endangers fundamental rights, including freedom of thought, conscience and religion, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and damages social cohesion.

The prioritization of the inclusion of abortion in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, in the context of a possible revision of the EU Treaties, may seriously endanger the chances of such reform process, while intensifying confrontations among our fellow citizens and between the Member States.

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