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Madrid, 14 May 2009. The approval by the Cabinet of the Bill on Abortion in its present form is an act of grave political irresponsibility. The Government thus opts for a cowardly, and, in public health terms, negative solution to the immense drama of abortion in our society. With its increased “legal” periods, the Bill will cause even more abortion in Spain and will produce greater inducement for women to abort and an even greater defenselessness of unborn life in spite of the protection of the same enshrined by the Constitution.

The President of Spanish Family Forum has expressed “our total rejection of the Bill and our desire that it will never reach the statute book, since it is opposed to the rights of women, the rights of the child and the opinion of the majority of the Spanish people.

Furthermore, Benigno Blanco adds that “there is still an opportunity for the Government to rectify before this Bill becomes law. As it is, the Bill only satisfies the needs and interests of the private clinics which have converted abortion into business by a fraudulent application of the law.

Regarding the declarations of the Vice-President of the Government and of Minister Aído, Benigno Blanco affirms that this bill “is not balanced, but profoundly radical; nor is it the result of a consensus, but an imposition by the pro-abortion lobby on the Government. All moderate opinions based on scientific evidence expressed over the past few months have simply been ignored”.

“The Government – continues the President of Spanish Family Forum – has misled public opinion for months by pretending to listen to experts of all types of different opinions and then writing the law in the terms dictated from the beginning by the pro-abortion lobby”.

On the subject of abortion, the Government has simply turned a deaf ear to qualified scientific opinion and ignored the scientific evidence that human life exists from the moment of conception. In doing so, it has entrenched the injustice of abandoning women who are contemplating abortion and it ignores not only the protection which the Constitution affords the life of the unborn child but also the public health problem created by the post-abortion syndrome.

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To continue in the name of sexual and reproductive health with the campaigns which have failed so notoriously over the last 30 years, the Government is simply adding fuel to the flames because all they achieve is to increase the situations of risk which they apparently strive to reduce.

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