



One of Us European Federation Regrets the European Parliament's Resolution on Abortion

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One of Us European Federation expresses deep concern regarding today's passing of the resolution by the European Parliament regarding the inclusion of a non-existing 'right to abortion' in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. Apart from the non-binding nature of this text, the European Parliament, fails once again to uphold the fundamental right to life and neglects the principle of subsidiarity, thus overstepping the EU's treaties and encroaching upon the sovereignty of Member States.

Crafted by pro-abortion groups, this resolution forgets to care for women by making of a traumatic experience a fundamental value of the EU. It also represents a significant departure from the principles of respect for life and subsidiarity, which are foundational to the European project.

"It is deeply concerning to witness the European Parliament prioritize radicalized political agendas over the fundamental rights and values that underpin our societies," stated Marina Casini, President of One of Us European Federation. "This resolution not only disregards the dignity of human life but also undermines the sovereignty of Member States in addressing such sensitive matters."

A non-binding text on a subject which is not of EU competence

It is imperative to mention that this resolution holds no binding authority. Its passage amidst the backdrop of upcoming EU elections underscores the political motivations driving certain MEPs to advance their pro-abortion stance.

The One of Us Federation recalls that there is no international human rights instrument which recognizes a fundamental right to abortion.

The most important international human rights treaty in Europe, the European Convention on Human Rights does not recognize such right, and the European Court of Human Rights has never included such right in the *right to privacy* and as no power to do so.

Regulation of abortion is left in the hands of the Member States of the EU according to the principle of subsidiarity enshrined in the Treaties. Interfering with such right gives credibility to the Euro-sceptics who often stress that the Union is taking over rights from Member States.

As we navigate these critical moments, the One of Us European Federation is confident in the work carried out by local NGOs to help women experiencing hard times and distress. Each life has value and mothers deserve the support of society to be able to carry their babies.

About the One of Us Federation:

One of Us is a European Federation of sixty NGOs from more than 20 EU countries, solemnly pursuing the mission of protecting human life and dignity. The Federation was created after the success of the One of Us European Citizens Initiative (ECI);

One of Us is the most successful ECI to date with more than 1.7 million European citizens signatures, surpassing all other initiatives since the creation of this participatory democracy tool that was established by the Lisbon Treaty in 2009.

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