

## Press release

### Abortion: an inalienable human right

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Alabama passed a law on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 prohibiting abortion, even in the case of incest or rape.

It should be recalled that legislation on access to abortion has already been restricted in 16 US states this year and that Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio and, last week, Georgia banned abortion when the heartbeat is detectable (as early as the fifth or sixth week of pregnancy). Finally, yesterday, the Missouri Parliament joined the assembly of these restrictive laws.

Alabama goes further because it prohibits abortion at any stage of the pregnancy and also sentences prison terms of up to 99 years for practicing physicians.

The purpose of the proponents of restricting the right to abortion in these states is to go to the Supreme Court to challenge the constitutional right of 1973. Their hope is that the Supreme Court (because of the two ultra-conservative judges appointed by Donald Trump) revises the legal precedent *Roe vs. Wade*.

It must be remembered that, from the first days of his mandate, the US president removed funds allocated to international NGOs that supported the right to abortion. Since then, there has been a fundamental movement that is spreading against women's rights across the Atlantic.

CLEF stands in solidarity with American women and progressive and feminist associations who denounce these bills in the United States, Europe and around the world.

**CLEF recalls that clandestine abortions kill women all over the world (including Europe) and reaffirms that sexual and reproductive rights (including abortion) should be considered as non-alienable human rights that are urgently needed.**

**Free abortion, free and secure for all women in the world!**