Coverage of 28 September by the Press and Media in English, Spanish & French

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GLOBAL

GLOBAL – Wessex Scene, Hannah Beeson
International Safe Abortion Day Around the World
https://www.wessexscene.co.uk/features/2017/09/28/international-safe-abortion-day-around-the-world/
In recognition of International Safe Abortion Day this article takes a look at some of the contrasting abortion policies of countries throughout the world.

GLOBAL – Any Day Guide
International Safe Abortion Day
https://anydayguide.com/calendar/3349
International Safe Abortion Day is observed annually on September 28th. This article details the day’s origins and feminist movements around the world.

GLOBAL – DW Online – Carla Bleiker
Half of all abortions carried out in unsafe conditions
Highlights International Safe Abortion Day and provides an outline of WHO’s latest findings. It also remarks that various protests for safe and legal abortions are expected around the world in the coming days.

GLOBAL – Medical Xpress
Working group urges better access to safe abortion, in developing world
Offers an overview of the recent study published in the Lancet to mark International Safe Abortion Day and outlines some of the key findings.

GLOBAL – UN Dispatch Alanna Shaikh
Map of the Day: where abortions are most dangerous around the world
https://www.undispatch.com/map-day-abortion-dangerous-around-world/
A short explanation of what the data says in the latest study on abortion published by WHO and Guttmacher Institute to coincide with International Safe Abortion Day.

GLOBAL – Eurekalert
Working Group urges better access to safe abortion, in developing world
https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2017-09/uoma-wgu092717.php
An article explaining how UMass Amherst biostatisticians, international team, have improved global estimates of abortion safety in their latest study published on International Safe Abortion Day.

GLOBAL – Vice, Carter Sherman
Nearly half of all abortions worldwide are unsafe
https://news.vice.com/story/nearly-half-of-all-abortions-worldwide-are-unsafe
A brief overview of the key findings in the study published in the Lancet this 28th September.

GLOBAL – Gears of Biz, Bill Cooke
Working group urges better access to safe abortion, in developing world

On International Safe Abortion Day, an international research group reports in a new paper with senior author Leontine Alkema at the University of Massachusetts Amherst that out of the 55.7 million abortions that are estimated to have occurred each year between 2010 and 2014, almost half (45.1%) were unsafe.

EUROPE

AUSTRIA – Committee for a Workers’ International, Sonja Grusch
Women’s rights: 28th September - International Safe Abortion Day
http://www.socialistworld.net/index.php/other-topics/women/9442-women-s-rights-28th-september-international-safe-abortion-day
This looks at the origins of International Safe Abortion Day and explains some of the deadly abortion policies around the world.

BELGIUM – The Brussels Times, Lars Andersen
One thousand people demonstrate for abortion rights
www.brusselstimes.com/brussels/9256/one-thousand-people-demonstrate-for-abortion-rights
On International Safe Abortion Day, the police said that 1,150 people demonstrated outside the European institutions in Brussels.

BELGIUM – Democracy Now
Abortion rights activists march for safe and legal abortions across Europe
https://www.democracynow.org/2017/9/29/headlines/a bortion_rights_activists_march_for_safe_and_legal Abortions_across_europe
Over a thousand people marched near European Union buildings in Brussels on 28th September, calling for safe, legal access to abortion across Europe.

EUROPE – Euractiv, Caroline Hickson
Will the EU take a stand against the erosion of women’s rights?
The article speaks of the increased attacks on the safety and dignity of women, within the EU and beyond. The author notes that International Safe Abortion Day will be marked in Brussels with a march to denounce all governments who still deny women the right to choose.

EUROPE – Sherbrook Times
Abortion: like Ireland, which countries of the EU, Limiting abortion?
https://sherbrooktimes.com/abortion-like-ireland-which-countries-of-the-eu-limiting-abortion/8723
Abortion will be the subject of a referendum in Ireland in 2018. It is allowed, more or less restrictive, in all the countries of the European Union, except Malta.

GERMANY – DW
Half of all abortions carried out in unsafe conditions
This article highlights that millions of women resort to desperate measures to terminate their pregnancies. The percentage of unsafe abortions is highest in Latin America.

ITALY – Tua City Mag, Barbara Quattrocchi
International Safe Abortion Day
https://www.tuacitymag.com/28-settembre-international-safe-abortion-day/
International Safe Abortion Day has its origins in Latin America and is commemorated every year when thousands of people are mobilised all over the world. The article notes the role that the EU has played in defending the right to abortion and details the Italian legal situation around abortion.

ITALY – Open Democracy, Claudia Torrisi
Non Una di Meno protests for women’s rights: “Enough is enough”
https://www.opendemocracy.net/protest/non-una-di-meno
The recent protest against obiezione di coscienza – whereby Italian gynaecologists can refuse to conduct abortions – is the latest of many demonstrations by this growing women's rights movement.

IRELAND – Guardian, Nicola Slawson
Thousands march in Dublin calling for end to Ireland’s abortion ban
https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/sep/30/thousands-march-in-dublin-calling-for-end-to-irelands-abortion-ban
Coverage of Ireland's March for Choice, where thousands turned out in Dublin to show their appetite for change after the announcement of 2018 referendum.

IRELAND – The Irish Times, Ronan McGreecy and Ciaran D'Arcy
Thousands attend Dublin abortion rights protest
This report covers Ireland's March for Choice on on 30 September to mark International Safe Abortion Day.

IRELAND - University Times, Blaithin Wilson
From across the world, voices are joining the refrain of repeal
Ahead of the Dublin March for Choice on Saturday the author interviews various international groups showing solidarity with Ireland's repeal movement.

IRELAND – Democracy Now
Meet the Irish photographer documenting women in Ireland who must travel abroad for safe abortion
https://www.democracynow.org/2017/9/29/ireland
This report includes a video and article and details the journalist’s travelled to Belfast, Northern Ireland, where Amy Goodman spoke with abortion rights activist Emma Campbell of Alliance for Choice.

IRELAND – Donegal Now
Scores of Donegal women to march in Dublin to support abortion referendum
A local paper noting that women will be traveling to Dublin to attend the March for Choice this Saturday 30 September to commemorate International Safe Abortion Day.

IRELAND – The Atlantic, Yasmeen Serhan
The fight for abortions in Ireland
https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2017/10/ireland-abortion-referendum/541527/
As the country prepares to hold a referendum on abortion, religiously-motivated opposition to it may be on the wane.

IRELAND – Daily Edge
Almost half of all abortions happening around the world every year are unsafe
www.dailyedge.ie/unsafe-abortions-worldwide-3618232-Sep2017/?r_dir_d=1
This article details the findings from the Lancet study released on International Safe Abortion Day – of the 55.7 million abortions that take place worldwide every year, 25.5 million are unsafe.

IRELAND – The Journal
How Dublin's March for Choice was reported around the world
An interesting overview of how International Safe Abortion Day was reported in different news outlets all over the world.

IRELAND – Huffington Post, Lorna O'Hara
Why young Irish women are marching for choice
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-young-irish-women-are-marching-for-choice_us_59cea2afe4b034ae778d4a5a
This article explains some of the reasons that Irish women are marching for their abortion rights this September and explains the momentum behind the pro-choice movement at the moment in Ireland, as the silence and stigma around abortion is slowly being broken.

IRELAND – The Independent, Jason Kennedy and David Young
Thousands attend pro-choice rally in Dublin ahead of abortion law vote
Coverage of the March for Choice that took place in Dublin’s streets this Saturday to mark International Safe Abortion Day. The article also describes the upcoming abortion referendum and the existing Eight Amendment and what it means for women. The article is accompanied by a short video clip and photos of the March for Choice.

IRELAND – Belfast Telegraph
Protesters rally for change to Irish abortion law
Coverage of the sixth annual March for Choice, which is believed to have been the biggest to date.
Thousands also marched through Dublin city centre, while protests were also held in London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Brussels.

IRELAND – Huffington Post, Paul Jennings
Why gay men must support women and march for choice
http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/paul-jennings/gay-men-support-pro-choice_b_18136420.html
This article argues why its important to support the Repeal of the Eighth Amendment and defend women’s rights to safe, legal abortions. It encourages people to attend Ireland’s March for Choice.

IRELAND – The Daily Edge
Everything you need to know about getting involved in tomorrow’s March For Choice
Details of why, where and how people are attending the Abortion Rights Campaign’s sixth annual March For Choice in Dublin this year.

IRELAND – Common Space, Caitlin Logan
Pro-choice demonstrations in Scotland to show solidarity with Irish women
https://www.commonspace.scot/articles/11781/pro-choice-demonstrations-scotland-show-solidarity-irish-women
Pro-Choice campaigners in Scotland joint others across the world in holding solidarity rallies in support of Ireland’s campaign repeal the eight amendment of the Irish constitution.

IRELAND – The Irish Times, Tanya Sweeney
Everything you need to know
Details ahead of the annual March for Choice in Dublin.

IRELAND – Player 98 FM, Niall Colbert
Thousands attend march for choice in Dublin city centre
player.98fm.com/Thousands-Attend-March-For-Choice-In-Dublin-City-Centre
Coverage of Dublin’s March for Choice.

IRELAND – The Irish Times, Marie Claire Digby
Global support grows for Dublin’s March for Choice
Details how Irish abroad are organising solidarity events in more than 20 cities across the world for Dublin’s March for Choice.

IRELAND – Guardian, Alison Hackett
Irish voices raised for choice on abortion
Alison Hackett explains why she will be joining the March for Choice in Dublin

IRELAND – Independent, Sasha Brady
In Pictures: Thousands take to the streets of Dublin for pro-choice rally
Thousands of pro-choice campaigners took to the streets of Dublin for the annual March for Choice to protest Ireland’s strict abortion laws.

IRELAND – Guardian, Naomi Elster
It’s time to talk about the pseudoscience corrupting the abortion debate
On the eve of the final March for Choice ahead of Ireland’s referendum on abortion rights next year, a scientist explains why we urgently need to challenge the dogma

IRELAND – Reuters
Tens of thousands march for abortion rights in Ireland
Coverage of Ireland’s sixth March for Choice to defend women’s right to safe and legal abortions.

POLAND – TeleSurTV
Protesters gather for 'BlackProtest' against petition to make abortion illegal in Poland
To mark International Safe Abortion Day in Poland activists gathered for Czarny Protest or Black Protest – a movement against a proposed total ban on abortions.

POLAND – Krakow Post, Steven Hoffman
On anniversary of abortion ban protests, women take to the streets again: “We have not folded our umbrellas”
www.krakowpost.com/18264/2017/10/abortion-ban-czarny-protest-anniversary
A year after 2016’s Czarny Protest (Black Protest) against a proposed total abortion ban, thousands of women across Poland and the world will hold more public demonstrations this afternoon.

POLAND – Washington Post, Vanessa Gera
Polish women march again, year after large ‘black protest’
Thousands of Poles, mostly women, marched through Warsaw and other Polish cities Tuesday to demand greater reproductive rights and protest what they see as discrimination by the conservative government.

POLAND – ABC News, Vanessa Gera
Polish women march again, year after large 'black protest'
abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/polish-women-march-year-large-black-protest-50259552
Coverage of Poland’s Black Protest which took place to mark International Safe Abortion Day.

POLAND – The Mercury News
Polish women march for reproductive rights
www.mercurynews.com/2017/10/03/polish-women-march-for-reproductive-rights/
The demonstration in Poland this week for safe legal abortion came on the first anniversary of a massive so-called “Black Protest” by women dressed in black that stopped a plan in parliament for a total ban on abortion.

POLAND – US News
Polish women march for reproductive rights
www.usnews.com/2017/10/03/polish-women-march-for-reproductive-rights/
Dressed in Black march in defense of women's Rights
Several thousand Poles dressed in black marched through city streets in Poland on Tuesday in defence of women's rights, on the first anniversary of mass protests against a planned near-total ban on abortion.

POLAND – AFP News
Thousands of Poles rally to defend women's rights
Several thousand black-clad women took to streets across Poland on Tuesday to defend their reproductive rights.

POLAND – Daily Mail
Polish women march again, year after large 'black protest'
www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-4945714/Polish-women-march-year-large-black-protest.html
Thousands of Poles, mostly women, marched through Warsaw and other Polish cities Tuesday to demand greater reproductive rights.

RUSSIA – Pravda Report
Backstreet abortions kill 50,000 women every year
Experts at WHO and Guttmacher Institute estimate that as many as 25 million women resort to backstreet abortions every year.

SCOTLAND – Hot Press, Peter McGoran
The 6th Annual March For Choice takes place this Saturday, September 30
http://www.hotpress.com/The-6th-Annual-March-For-Choice-takes-place-this-Saturday-September-30/20825849.html
In a statement on the Abortion Rights Campaign's website, the activist group said: The 6th Annual March for Choice takes place on Saturday the 30th of September... The theme of our March this year is Time to Act!

SCOTLAND – Socialist Party Scotland
Women's rights: 28th September – International Safe Abortion Day
September 28th is International Safe Abortion Day. The date originates from the Campaña 28 Septiembre, a campaign launched in Latin America and the Caribbean in 1990 for the decriminalisation of abortion.

SCOTLAND – The National Scot, Kirsteen Paterson
Scottish abortion laws making slow progress
This article details findings of a new report released to mark International Safe Abortion Day which finds that Scotland lags behind countries like Canada, where the process of ending a pregnancy has been decriminalised and integrated into the health system.

SCOTLAND – The National Scot, Shona Craven
Knowledge is power, so it's time to talk honestly about abortion
www.thenational.scot/news/15565150.Shona-Craven-Access_to_safe_abortion_must_be_accepted_as_a_human_right_no_ifs_or_buts/
A new report published by Engender to coincide with yesterday's International Day of Safe Abortion, demonstrates how the law in Scotland compares to other jurisdictions, including Canada, where abortion was decriminalised in 1988 and is now treated the same as any other medical procedure.

UK – Evening Standard, Sean Morrison
London March for Choice: Hundreds descend on Irish embassy calling for change to country's strict abortion laws
Pro-choice campaigners gathered in central London to call for change to Ireland’s strict abortion laws, urging the country to have a “respectful debate” ahead next year's referendum.

**UK** – Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

**International Safe Abortion Day**


On International Safe Abortion Day 2017, the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists adds its voice to global movements to support a woman’s right to legal and safe abortion, and hears from and celebrates abortion care providers both in the UK and around the world.

**ASIA**

**BANGLADESH** – The Independent Bangladesh

International Safe Abortion Day Thursday

http://www.theindependentbd.com/post/116151

This piece details calls from within the UN for 28th September to become an official UN day for safe abortion worldwide to help encourage governments to decriminalise abortion and provide reproductive health services in a legal, safe and affordable manner.

**INDIA** – Quint, Rosheena Zehra

On Safe Abortion Day, a look at India's medical & legal realities

https://www.thequint.com/fit/her-health/international-safe-abortion-day-and-india

This article details India’s restrictive abortion law and follows a couple of case studies. It highlights the need for International Safe Abortion Day in order to assert the right to one’s body.

**INDIA** – Siliguri Times

International Safe Abortion Day in Kalchini

siliguritimes.com/international-safe-abortion-day-kalchini/

This short piece talks about how the Kalchini branch of Family Planning Association of India observed the International Safe Abortion Day by setting up a free abortion camp at their office in Kalchini.

**INDIA** – Youth Kiawaaz

How Indian Women are powerfully breaking the silence around abortion


To mark International Safe Abortion Day this September, Love Matters spoke to several women who chose to have an abortion in India and discusses the context of stigma and silence around abortion.

**INDONESIA** – Sociozine

International Safe Abortion Day


A short explanation of International Safe Abortion Day, its roots and some of the actions taken to commemorate it.

**NEPAL** – Marie Stopes International

Diverse Actions, Different Places, One Demand: Access to Safe & Legal Abortion NOW!


Marie Stopes Nepal undertakes September 28 annual campaigning activities in collaboration with its members, partners, and allies around the world, and as a member of the International Campaign for Women’s Right to Safe Abortion. This blog provides a brief outline of the legal situation in Nepal regarding abortion.

**AFRICA**
BURUNDI – IWACU, Diane Uwimana
Local organization pleads for medical abortion in some cases
www.iwacu-burundi.org/englishnews/local-organization-pleads-for-medical-abortion-in-some-cases/
The association of women fighting against HIV/AIDS and Malaria in Burundi celebrated International Safe Abortion Day this 28th September. It recommends Burundi government to ratify the Maputo protocol to promote women’s rights.

KENYA – Human Rights Watch, Agnes Odhiambo
Women still dying from unsafe abortions despite the law
This piece from Human Rights Watch provides a description of the legal framework around abortion in Kenya and explains how unsafe abortion remains a major public health concern in the country.

MALAWI – AllAfrica, Darlington Harawa
Malawi: Why retain the law that kills women
allafrica.com/stories/201709280874.html
The author says that she is inspired that the silence on abortion is being broken with an increase of traditional leaders calling for liberalised abortion law and goes on to explain how and why Malawi’s abortion law should change. She says we should use International Safe Abortion Day to reflect on why Malawi continues to have colonial abortion laws that kill women.

MALAWI - AllAfrica , Centre for Solutions Journalism
Malawi: Time to decriminalize draconian abortion law
www.allafrica.com/stories/201709280872.html
A statement issued by the Centre for Solutions Journalism on International Safe Abortion Day calling on the Malawi government to decriminalise abortion.

MALAWI – Nyasa Times, Elijah Phimbi
ARASA calls for safe, legal and accessible abortion
Aids and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), Alliance for Women Advocating for Change (AWAC), SAfAIDS and Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC) on 28th September led hundreds of other African Rights Organizations in joining the rest of the World to commemorate this year’s International Safe Abortion Day.

SOUTH AFRICA – AllAfrica, Marion Stevens
Africa: It’s time to end the stigma and silence around abortion
allafrica.com/stories/201709280584.html
The article begins with an explanation of the significance of International Safe Abortion Day and details South Africa’s much-celebrated Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act (CTOPA) which promotes the reproductive rights and freedom of choice of women by allowing them to have a safe and legal abortion. Yet, failure to implement the law and deep-rooted stigma persist.

SOUTH AFRICA – Enca
Department of Health come out against proposed pregnancy termination bill
This article describes how South Africa’s Department of Health has come out against a private members bill, which seeks to change the laws on the termination of pregnancy. The bill also makes ultrasounds and counselling mandatory for women as Thursday marked the International Safe Abortion Day.

SOUTH AFRICA – Daily Maverick, Laura Carmody and Mandy Mudarikwa
Op-Ed: More must be done to realise rights to access safe and legal abortion
To mark 28 September, the authors highlight the difficulties faced by women and girls in South Africa who are denied the right to make decisions about their own health, reproduction and future.
SOUTH AFRICA – Heard
International Safe Abortion Day – A day for action towards access to safe and legal abortion
Unsafe abortion is a major cause of mortality and morbidity and has been identified as one of the key health crises on the global health agenda. Ninety-eight percent of unsafe abortions take place in middle- and low-income countries with the most deaths occurring in countries with restrictive abortion policies.

UGANDA – COHERINET
September 28, 2017, Global Day of Action for Access to Safe and Legal Abortion
http://www.coherinet.org/?page_id=183
This provides some history to commemorating International Safe Abortion Day on the 28th September.

PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA – Junkee, Sam Langford
UN experts are calling on all countries to decriminalise abortion – and that includes Australia
http://junkee.com/un-experts-decriminalise-abortion/125570
This article highlights that it’s Safe Abortion Day and welcomes the OHCHR statement and explains the current system in place in Australia which frequently prevents women from having a safe abortion.

AUSTRALIA – Adelaide Now, Tory Shepherd
Complicated abortion laws driving women to buy termination drugs online
This article describes the findings from a joint study by Flinders, Monash and Charles Darwin universities which was published to mark 28th September. It says that if access to safe abortion is restricted, women turn to unsafe means.

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA – Canadian Atheist, Scott Douglas Jacobsen
International Safe Abortion Day
https://www.canadianatheist.com/2017/09/international-safe-abortion-day/
This brief piece marks International Safe Abortion Day by offering an argument on why abortion is a human rights issue.

USA – Refinery29, Sara Coughlin
5 times abortion laws failed pregnant women
www.refinery29.com/anti-abortion-stories-pregnant-women-doctor-laws
The article mentions International Safe Abortion Day and goes on to outline five times when the state has failed women

USA– Pulse Policy Watch, Rob Schofield
Local physicians speak out for reproductive freedom on International Safe Abortion Day
In commemoration of International Safe Abortion Day, a group of North Carolina physicians have authored an essay shared on this site.

USA – Huffington Post, Lizz Winstead
www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/lady-parts-justice-league-is-serving-up-factsyoucanswallow_us_59cd313ce4b0149549227e2b
Lady Parts Justice League is serving up #FactsYouCanSwallow on International Safe Abortion Day
To mark 28th September, the article introduces a group of feminist provocateurs called the Lady Parts Justice League who have launched a new video called “The Abortion Pill: Facts You Can Swallow” to spread the word about the ease and safety of using the abortion pill.

USA – GeorgeTown Health, Kory Stuer
Protect global health, end the Gag Rule
georgetownvoice.com/2017/09/28/protect-global-health-end-the-gag-rule/
This article urges people to take advantage of International Safe Abortion Day and tell their representatives to repeal the global gag rule.

USA – The Bustle – Samantha Mendoza
What is the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act? The GOP isn’t giving up on it
Despite it being International Safe Abortion Day, anti-abortion lobby groups in the US attempt to ban abortion after 20 weeks.

USA – Doctors of the World
Global Safe Abortion Day: Every woman has the right to be in control of her body
https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/News/safe-abortion-day-every-woman-has-the-right-to-be-in-control-of-her-body
On International Safe Abortion Day 2017, Doctors of the World adds its voice to the global movement to support a woman’s right to legal and safe abortion. The piece offers some first-hand-experience from Doctors of the World staff who witness the dangers of illegal and unsafe abortions every day.

USA – Huffington Post, Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro
Why 'resist & persist' is the perfect theme this September 28th, and everyday
www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-resist-persist-is-the-perfect-theme-this-september_us_59cd1400e4b095b7ae59d8f4
This year’s theme for International Safe Abortion Day, “Resist and Persist”, gives voice and visibility to the many women’s organizations and leaders working around the world on a topic that deserves more support, resources, and attention.

USA – Feminist News Wire
Commemorating International Safe Abortion Day
This blog details the key components of International Safe Abortion Day which include advocating for the decriminalization of abortion, reducing the negative stigma surrounding abortions, and ensuring equal access to safe abortions for all individuals. According to a UN statement to mark the day: “Denying women access to necessary health care is inherently discriminatory and a violation of their human rights.”

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

EGYPT – Egypt Today
International Safe Abortion Day
https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/6/25147/International-day-for-Safe-Abortion
This article provides some history about International Safe Abortion Day and outlines some facts about the scale of unsafe abortion.

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

ARGENTINA – TeleSurTV
Argentine protesters demand free, legal and safe abortions
Demonstrations took place in Buenos Aires on International Safe Abortion Day as part of a two-day event dedicated to reproductive rights. Argentine protesters were demanding the right to legal abortions within the country.

BARBADOS – Guardian, Dame Billie Miller
Why do politicians still force women through unwanted pregnancies?
Dame Billie Miller explains how she played a vital role in legalising abortion – and as a result the number of women dying from unsafe terminations plunged. To mark International Safe Abortion Day, the former deputy PM of Barbados explains that countless lives depend on more countries following suit.

BRAZIL – TeleSurTV
Feminists in Sao Paulo mark Latin American Day of Struggle for the Decriminalization of Abortion
To commemorate International Safe Abortion Day, feminist groups in Sao Paulo, Brazil held a public discussion on the criminalization of abortion in the country.

BRAZIL – Human Rights Watch, Margaret Wurth
Why Brazil should decriminalize abortion
This piece summaries Brazil’s restrictive abortion law and outlines the feelings and experiences of pregnant women interviewed by the author last year. It urges the Brazilian government to pay attention to human rights defenders around the world who are using International Safe Abortion Day to advocate for change in harsh abortion laws.

BRAZIL - Human Rights Watch, Andrea Caravalho
Why Brazil should protect women's reproductive rights
On International Safe Abortion Day, we should remind the Brazilian authorities how important it is for them to respect a woman’s right to make independent reproductive decisions, without interference.

COLOMBIA – Diet News
In Colombia there are still women who do not know they have the right to an abortion
www.dietnews.net/news/in-colombia-there-are-still-women-who-do-not-know-they-have-the-right-h76.html
The national survey of people’s views on abortion in the country shows that although this has improved, law enforcement continues to be a challenge

LATIN AMERICA – TeleSurTV
Women demand safe access to abortions around the globe
This piece highlights the actions taken across the world to mark International Safe Abortion Day, and details the findings from the Lancet study on unsafe abortion.

MEXICO – Huffington Post, Araceli Lopez Nava Vázquez
Why Mexico is proof anti-abortion laws don’t work
www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/araceli-lopez-nava-vazquez/global-gag-rule-safer-abortion-day_b_18119418.html
This article begins with a case study of an unsafe abortion in Mexico and the writer describes the pregnant woman’s eventual arrival at her clinic. To mark International Safe Abortion Day the writer then decides to bust some myths on abortion in Mexico to set the record straight.

NICARAGUA – Human Rights Watch, Janet Walsh
Nicaragua's abortion ban makes victims the criminals
This article includes a couple of interviews with Nicaraguan women who have experienced Nicaragua’s harsh abortion laws first-hand. It notes the significance of September 28th not just in Nicaragua but around the world.

VENEZUELA – Venezuela Analysis, Katrina Kozarek
Feminists demand right to abortion in Venezuela (Video)
https://venezuelanalysis.com/video/13409
Revolutionary feminist movements in Venezuela mobilized outside the ANC on the International Day for the Decriminalization of Abortion, demanding that women’s right to decide be included in the new constitution.

IN SPANISH

ARGENTINA – El Día
Mañana se celebra el Día Mundial de Lucha por la Despenalización y Legalización del Aborto
Details of a march taking place in Argentina on Friday in addition to a range of other activities to mark International Safe Abortion Day.

ARGENTINA – Catolicas
28 de septiembre, día de lucha mundial por la despenalización y legalización del derecho al aborto
This piece explains the origins of International Safe Abortion Day and invites all activists, networks and organisations to demonstrate solidarity for safe and legal abortions for all women who need them.

ARGENTINA – AIM Digital
Día internacional de lucha por la despenalización del aborto
Describes the roots of International Safe Abortion Day and notes the various actions taking place to commemorate the day.

BOLIVIA – La Razón
Derecho a decidir
www.la-razon.com/opinion/editorial/Derecho-decidir_0_2790920951.html
Explains the importance of International Safe Abortion Day in highlighting the unsafe conditions in which many women are forced undergo an abortion, putting their lives at risk.

NICARAGUA – La Prensa, Janet Walsh
La prohibición del aborto en Nicaragua
Argues that to deny a woman or a girl the make independent decisions on abortion threatens a broad spectrum of human rights.

SPAIN – Europe Press La Vanguardia
El feminismo asturiano se moviliza este jueves en Gijón por el derecho al aborto
Explains actions taking place to commemorate International Safe Abortion Day

LATIN AMERICA – Pyxnoticias
En todo el mundo se producen aproximadamente 25 millones de abortos peligrosos al año
pyxnoticias.com/en-todo-el-mundo-se-producen-aproximadamente-25-millones-de-abortos-peligrosos-al-ano/

LATIN AMERICA – 20 Minutos, Silvia Aldavert Garcia
En el Día Internacional por la Despenalización del Aborto: Ni muertas, ni presas, ni clandestinas. Nos queremos vivas y libres
Outlines some key global statistics on unsafe abortions, explains how harsh abortion laws infringe on women’s fundamental rights and calls on Latin American governments to repeal restrictive abortion laws.

GLOBAL – Ciudadania Express
Abortos seguros para todas las mujeres que los necesiten: ONU
Details the statement given by UN experts this International Safe Abortion Day which calls on governments to decriminalise abortion and change policies based on outdated stereotypes.

URUGUAY – Mujer y Salud en Uruguay
Noticias #UnGritoGlobal
http://www.mysu.org.uy/multimedia/noticia/ungritoglobal/
Details of the significance of International Safe Abortion Day.

VENEZUELA – Aporrea
Acción de calle en el Día Mundial por la Despenalización del Aborto se llevó a cabo en las afueras del Ministerio de Salud (Video)
https://www.aporrea.org/actualidad/n315244.html
Details a protest that took place outside the Ministry of Health to mark International Safe Abortion Day 2017 and demand safe legal abortions.

IN FRENCH

GLOBAL – Libération, Anaïs Moran
“Les anti-IVG sont souvent anti-genre, homophobes et contre le planning familial”
In light of International Safe Abortion day, Neil Datta, Secretary General of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development, talks to Liberation about the alarming rise of the anti-abortion movement in Europe.

GLOBAL – LaDepeche.fr
Le droit à l’avortement sauve des vies
On International Safe Abortion day, the World Health Organisation/Guttmacher publishes data on the subject, just as Doctors of the World, reiterates the importance of the right of women and girls to safe abortion around the world.

GLOBAL – LCI, Charlotte Anglade
Journée du droit à l’avortement : et si vous habitiez au Venezuela, en Irlande ou en Pologne ? (video)
On International Safe Abortion Day, rallies are planned in France, but also in Europe, to defend the "fundamental right" to abortion. A right which is not yet accessible to all women in the world. Far from it. The video gives a tour of the world of the unequal access to abortion.

GLOBAL - Le Figaro, Esther Paolini
Où en est l’accès à l’avortement dans le monde ? (Video)
A report providing an overview of abortion rights globally, within Europe and France. It includes a video montage and some great infographics!
On International Safe Abortion Day, access to abortion around the world remains very uneven, and where it is forbidden it increases the risks to the health of women.

A concise video and accompanying summary of current restrictive abortion law around the world.

This article reports on the WHO/Guttmacher findings.

This article gives a global overview of current abortion law, highlighting small progress made in countries such as Chile and in which countries restrictive laws remain such as Nicaragua, Malta and the Dominican Republic. It reports that 25% of the world is deprived of access to reproductive rights and the growing trend returning to conservative views on abortion.

This provides an outline of WHO's latest findings.

This article gives a brief round-up of rallies which took place for International Safe Abortion day. It also concludes that 28 Sept should be a step towards building a larger feminist movement.

The article report on the European collectif “Avortement: les femmes décident”’s call to take the street on International Safe Abortion day. Moreover, it outlines the current situation with access to abortion in France.
In Europe restrictive abortion laws still exist, the article discusses the situation in Malta, Poland and Cyprus as well the curious case of Italy.

"C'est de notre devoir de respecter le droit à l'avortement"

In this article, Claudine Mouvet, Director of the family planning centre Louise Michel, talks about the importance of the right to abortion, and the struggle for its cause.

Co-ordinated rallies throughout Europe and a petition addressed to the EU parliament.

A collective of feminist associations mobilizes to guarantee access throughout Europe. The article states that where women do have access to abortion, it has been threatened by the lack of adequate frameworks in hospitals and service providers shutting down countries such as France and Greece as well in countries where doctors can make a conscious objection.

Solidarity rallies held in towns around France for women living in countries with restrictive abortion laws, this includes a video.

For International Safe Abortion day, l'Obs publishes an anonymous account of a woman's experience with abortion.

An interview with Françoise Laborde (Senator) on International Safe Abortion day. Laborde highlights a study which she previously undertook on abortion legislation in 7 European countries and in Texas, and discusses the current situation in France.

This article briefly outlines law and policy with regards to terminating a pregnancy in France, as well as other useful details such as cost and social security health coverage.
This article announces planned 28 Sept activity taken in le Havre as well as its aims in the context of abortion rights in the EU.

FRANCE – BFM TV
Elles jettent des cintres à Paris pour le droit à l’avortement
On Thursday night (28 Sept), hundreds of people gathered in Paris to defend the right to abortion free and legal abortion worldwide.

FRANCE – RFI, Vincent Souriau
Véronique Séhier (Planning familial) : IVG, « nous devons être vigilants sur ce droit fondamental » (Radio interview/Video)
In this interview, Véronique Séhier – co-president of Planning familial – discusses abortion law and policy in France and Europe

FRANCE – Centre Presse
Rassemblement à Poitiers pour un droit à l’avortement identique partout en Europe
Rally in Poitier in solidarity and conjunction with other rallies planned across Europe.

FRANCE – Le Figaro
"Jeter de cintres" à Paris pour le droit à l’avortement
This article reports on the rally held in Paris on International Safe Abortion Day, and briefly outlines the situation in the EU with regards to abortion rights.

FRANCE – Le Point
"Jeter de cintres" à Paris pour le droit à l’avortement
This article reports on the rally which took in Paris where protesters threw coat hangers as a symbol to unsafe abortion/ restrictive laws.

FRANCE – 20 minutes (Lyon edition), Elisa Frisullo
Droit à l’IVG: Des améliorations à Lyon mais encore de vraies difficultés
http://www.20minutes.fr/lyon/2141139-20170928-journee-mondiale-droit-ivg-ameliorations-lyon-encore-difficultes
"20 Minutes" reports on abortions providers in the Rhone, the effects of summertime on access to services and referrals made.

FRANCE – France 3 Grand-Est, Cécile Poure
Strasbourg : le droit à l’avortement, à corps et à cri
http://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/grand-est/bas-rhin/strasbourg-0/strasbourg-droit-avotement-corps-cri-1336601.html
In several towns around Europe, rallies are taking place to defend the fundamental right to abortion. France 3 met those taking part in Strasbourg.

FRANCE – Le Télégramme
“Droit à l’avortement. Un appel à un rassemblement départemental à Douarnenez”
FRANCE – La Dépêche.fr
“Rassemblement pour le droit à l'avortement en Europe”
Details rallies taking place throughout Europe and, mentions countries in Europe with restrictive laws.

FRANCE – Ouest-France
Caen. Manifestation pour le droit à l'avortement
Women and a few men mobilised in Caen, on the evening Friday, 29 September to defend the right to abortion in the whole of Europe.

FRANCE – L’Union, Anaïs Lecoq & AFP
Droit à l’avortement: dans le monde, une IVG sur deux est illégale (2 Videos)
This article features Le Planning Familial’s campaign ‘Ce ceci n’est pas un cintre’ (this is not a coat hanger), including their campaign video for this year. It also provides an overview of access to abortion, which has improved in recent years as well include a video of women’s experiences with abortion.

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IRELAND – Courrier International
Les Irlandais devront se prononcer sur l’avortement en 2018
This article details current law and policy in Ireland with views from organisations of both side of the debate, it mentions that Ireland has come a long way to attempt in modernising its restrictive law, with the referendum in 2018.

IRELAND – Cheek Magazine
Irlande : Un référendum sur l’accès à l’avortement sera organisé en 2018
http://cheekmagazine.fr/societe/irlande-ivg-referendum/
Reports on Ireland’s abortion law and upcoming referendum; extracted from Courrier International.

IRELAND – TV5 Monde
L’Irlande vers le droit à l’avortement ?
http://information.tv5monde.com/terriennes/l-irlande-vers-le-droit-l-avortement-193987
Ahead of the International Safe Abortion Day, Ireland announces that a referendum will be held in May/June 2018 with regards to access to abortion. It also provides a snapshot of other countries (Malta and Poland) with restrictive abortion laws.

IRELAND – Pourquoi docteur ?, Ambre Amias
IVG : référendum en Irlande pour élargir les conditions d’accès
https://www.pourquoi-docteur.fr/Articles/Question-d-actu/23017-IVG-referendum-Irlande-elargir-conditions-d-acces
Abortion is illegal in Ireland except if the pregnancy poses a risk to life; a referendum will take place in 2018 for unrestricted access to the right to terminate a pregnancy.

IRELAND – Madame, Le Figaro
L'Irlande organise un référendum sur la légalisation de l'avortement
http://madame.lefigaro.fr/societe/irlande-referendum-avortement-270917-134445
Irish people are preparing themselves for a referendum on abortion rights in 2018.

IRELAND – Républicain Lorrain
Les pro-avortement défilent
http://www.republicain-lorrain.fr/france-monde/2017/10/01/les-pro-avortement-defilent
Pro-choice activists maintaining the pressure on the Irish government, whilst it commits to holding a referendum on the issue.

IRELAND – Cosmopolitan France, Loïse Delacotte
L'avortement sera peut-être bientôt légalisé sans condition en Irlande
This article discusses Ireland’s restrictive policy on abortion, and the possibility for change with a referendum in spring 2018.

IRELAND – EURO NEWS
Droit à l'IVG : vers la fin de l'hypocrisie en Irlande ?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRcN31XxAv8

BELGIUM – RTL Info,
Un millier de personnes ont manifesté à Bruxelles pour le droit à l’avortement
https://m.rtl.be/info/957253
On International Safe Abortion Day, over a thousand people gathered in Brussels to protest for the right to abortion. Additionally, a petition addressed to the EU parliament has reached over 22,000 signatures.

BELGIUM – RFI, Laxmi Lota
Des centaines de manifestants défilent à Bruxelles pour le droit à l’avortement (Audio report)
http://www.rfi.fr/europe/20170928-centaines-manifestants-defilent-bruxelles-droit-avortement-petition-ue
On Thursday 28th September 2017, many protested around the EU institutions for the right to abortion. A petition was also given to the EU parliament.

BELGIUM – Le Soir
Un millier de personnes manifestent en faveur de l’avortement à Bruxelles (photos et vidéo)
In light of International Safe Abortion Day, hundreds of people reminded us of the importance and fragility of this right.

BELGIUM – RTBF
Journée internationale du droit à l’avortement: même en Belgique, il y a des soucis
As the decriminalisation of abortion is still a topic of debate in Belgium, Sylvie Lausberg expresses her concerns with conscientious objection among doctors, who can choose to provide abortions. This needs to be resolved, she notes, as it could ultimately lead to a shortage of doctors practising abortion and fewer service providers.

BELGIUM - 7 sur 7, Sarah Winkel
Et si demain, les Belges perdaient leur droit à l'avortement?
This article report that the right and access to abortion are far from guaranteed in many countries around Europe. On International Safe Abortion Day, many events were planned throughout Europe. Women took over the European Quarter of Brussels to reclaim their sexual and reproductive rights and advocate for access to abortion in the whole of Europe.
It is reported that almost 10,000 abortions are performed informally each year. There are women in Brussels who do not dare to go to family planning for an abortion. These women prefer to go to their general practitioner who may not provide abortions.