

Honorable chair, esteemed delegates,

Thank you for giving me the floor. I am speaking on behalf of the Right Here Right Now Partnership, representing 18 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, which works to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people, in all their diversity, globally.

Sexual and reproductive health and rights, including abortion, are highly stigmatized, especially for young people. As a young citizen of Ireland, where abortion is still highly criminalized, this is an issue close to my heart. Safe abortion services are still underfunded, inaccessible and criminalized in many countries, posing threats to the lives of women and