
UN Regrets Argentine Senate's Rejection to Legalize Abortion

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UN human rights experts lamented today that the Argentine Senate rejected a bill to decriminalize abortion in the first 14 weeks of pregnancy.

A group of special rapporteurs based in Geneva described the decision as a 'missed opportunity' to promote the rights of women in Argentina.

'The Senate vote has not only failed women in Argentina, but also an entire region that generally has very restrictive laws regarding the termination of pregnancy,' they said in a statement.

In this way, they have protected the continuation of an archaic legacy based on a religious doctrine that incorporates harmful stereotypes about the roles of women in the family and in society, which are intrinsically discriminatory and oppressive.

The Argentine Senate did not take advantage of this moment to demonstrate the country's commitment to eliminate discrimination against women in its legislation and promote their sexual and reproductive rights.