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MARCELO LUIS EBRARD CASAUBON, Mayor of Mexico City, informs the public:

That the Honourable Legislative Assembly of Mexico City, IV Legislature, has informed me of the following:

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**MEXICO CITY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
IV LEGISLATURE**

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DECREES THE REFORM OF THE MEXICO CITY PENAL CODE AND ADDITIONS TO THE MEXICO CITY HEALTH LAW.

FIRST ARTICLE.- Articles 144, 145, 146 and 147 of the Mexico City Penal Code are reformed to read as follows:

Article 144. Abortion is the interruption of a pregnancy after the twelfth week of gestation.

Based on this Code, pregnancy is the part of the human reproductive process which begins with the implantation of the embryo in the endometrium.

Article 145. A sentence of three to six months of prison or 100 to 300 days of community service will be imposed on any woman who voluntarily practices an abortion or consents to an abortion performed by someone else after the first twelve weeks of pregnancy. In this case, the crime of abortion will only be punished when it has been committed.

A sentence of one to three years in prison will be imposed on anyone who forces a women to abort without her consent.

Article 146. Forced abortion is the interruption of a pregnancy, at any time, without the consent of the pregnant woman.

Based on this article, a sentence of five to eight years will be imposed on anyone who performs an abortion by any method without the consent of the woman. If violence is involved, a sentence of eight to ten years in prison will be imposed.

Article 147. If the abortion or forced abortion is induced by a surgical doctor, obstetrician or midwife, nurse or practitioner, in addition to the corresponding sanctions in this chapter, their professional licence will be suspended for the period of time of the imposed prison sentence.

SECOND ARTICLE.-The following paragraphs are added to Article 16 Section 6 and to Article 16 Section 8 of the Mexico City Health Law:

Article 16 Section 6.

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Public health institutions of the Mexico City government will attend to women who request interruption of their pregnancy even if they have some other public or private health provider.

Article 16 Section 8. Sexual and reproductive health will have priority. Health services will be provided in a way that respects person's right to make free, responsible and informed decisions about the number and timing of their children.

The government will apply and intensively promote comprehensive sexuality education, reproductive rights, and responsible parenthood policies. Government family planning and contraceptive services will be principally aimed at reducing the number of abortions by preventing unplanned and unwanted pregnancies, lowering reproductive risk, minimizing the transmission and spread of sexually transmitted diseases and promoting reproductive rights. Government services will be provided with a gender perspective and with respect to sexual diversity and to the particular characteristics of diverse population groups, especially children and youth.

The Mexico City government will offer free and on-going sexual and reproductive health counselling services which will offer information and education about all contraception methods whose efficacy and security have been scientifically proven. Women who seek to interrupt their pregnancies will be given all the information which is referred to in the last paragraph of Article 148 in the Mexico City Penal Code. Counselling services will also offer follow-up support to women who have had abortions, particularly in regards to family planning and contraception.

ARTICLES

FIRST. Publication in the Official Mexico City Gazette and in the Official Federal Daily Report for maximum diffusion.

SECOND. This decree will enter into effect on the day following its publication in the Official Mexico City Gazette.

THIRD. The Mayor of Mexico City is responsible for the adaptation, within 60 working days, of the Health Services' General Organization and Operation Procedures about the interruption of pregnancy in Mexico City.

FOURTH. The Mayor of Mexico City will promote collaborative agreements which help procure additional resources that will allow women to access their right to sexual and reproductive health.

FIFTH. The Mexico City Legislative Assembly will publish a widespread information campaign about the reforms approved in this decree.

House of the Mexico City Legislative Assembly on the twenty-fourth day of the month of April of the year two thousand and seven. BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. – REP. RAMÓN JIMÉNEZ LÓPEZ, PRESIDENT,- REP. EDY ORTÍZ PIÑA, SECRETARY,- REP. CELINA SAAVEDRA ORTEGA, SECRETARY.- Signatures.

In accordance with the articles 122, part C, second foundation, division II, clause b) of the Political Constitution of the United States of Mexico; 48, 49 y 67, division II, of the Statute of the Mexico City Government, and for the mandatory publication and observance, I issue this Promulgatory Decree, in the official residence of the Mayor of Mexico City, in Mexico City, on the twenty-fifth day of the month of April of the year two thousand seven. **MAYOR OF MEXICO CITY, MARCELO LUIS EBRARD CASAUBON.- SIGNATURE.- GOVERNMENT SECRETARY, JOSÉ ÁNGEL ÁVILA PÉREZ.- SIGNATURE.- MINISTER OF HEALTH, MANUEL MONDRAGÓN Y KALB.-SIGNATURE.- MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, MARTHA DELGADO PERALTA.- SIGNATURE.- MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LAURA VELÁZQUEZ ALZÚA.- SIGNATURE.**