Written submission from Mr Jonathan Doonan (ANI0064)

- What are the views of the general public, women and medical and legal professionals in Northern Ireland about the law on abortion and whether it should be reformed? How have those views changed over time?

I live to Northern Ireland and the NI laws must be respected. Westminster should not bypass the will of our country and our people. (This was made clear in February 2016)

In NI over 100k lives have been saved thanks to sound legislation that makes common sense to protect unborn children.

- What are the experiences of women in Northern Ireland who have been affected by the law on abortion?

Abortion fundamentally undermines human rights. Above all the right to life of the most vulnerable in our society to life. The unborn foetus is a separate living entity to the woman’s body and as such the birth mother should not be permitted to terminate this life.

- What are the responsibilities of the UK Government under its international obligations for taking action to reform abortion law in Northern Ireland? How should these be reconciled to the UK’s devolution settlement?

In the rest of the UK there have been almost 9 million abortions since the 1967 Abortion Act came into force, far more than envisaged when the Act was being introduced.

In 2016, 98% of abortions in Great Britain were carried out for social reasons. (This is not acceptable, no lives should be lost because of social reasons)

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