Written submission from Mrs Elizabeth Miriam Jess (ANI0215)

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts regarding our Abortion laws in Northern Ireland and our thoughts on the responsibilities of the UK Government and its international obligations for taking action.

It is my belief that life commences when a child is conceived and the responsibility is on us to safeguard their human rights. I am really concerned the call for rights regarding abortion are selfish and very one sided as I believe the foetus is a creation of God and should have the same human rights as everyone else.

Proven statistics show that 100,000 people are alive in Northern Ireland today because of our laws. It is terrible to think that if we did not have the safeguard of our current laws, these people would not be alive.

I believe the statistic is that 9 million abortions have taken place in the rest of the UK since the law was introduced in 1967, this number is indeed many times greater than it was ever expected to be. This is a dreadful responsibility which the UK Government carries.

I believe the availability of abortion has permitted the growth of immorality and a lack of personal responsibility in GB which promotes a culture that has led to many other unhelpful behaviours in the country.

I believe the UK Government should leave the passing of laws which are the responsibility of Stormont to Stormont. The UK Government would never dream of doing otherwise in Wales or Scotland. It would help if our elected representatives could agree to sit in Stormont but I do not believe it would make any difference to this particular issue.

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