QUESTION 1: The views of the general public etc in Northern Ireland about the law on abortion and whether it should be reformed? AND What are the responsibilities of the UK Government etc?

1. I would like to draw the Committee’s attention to the distress and conflict in the Republic of Ireland during the referendum on abortion, and now ongoing as legal abortion is about to start and medical staff object to being involved in killing one of the two people involved (both of whom they perceive to be their patients).

2. This is despite a long consultation period and a democratic referendum. The UK Government legislating for abortion when this power has been explicitly devolved to the Assembly may well have an even worse reaction as, if anything, the population of Northern Ireland is more pro-life than the Republic.

3. I would also like to ask the Committee to consider why, as babies are human beings, they are not Equal until they are born?

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