Written submission from a member of the public (ANI0605)

1) DEVOLUTION
As abortion is a matter devolved to N Ireland and as various polls show that a majority of women here support our current legislation that values both the woman and her unborn child, I think it is totally unconstitutional and rather arrogant of others to demand the decriminalisation of abortion in N Ireland.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
Our legal status on abortion has been shown to have saved the lives of approximately 100,000 people, presumably including some with disabilities who are valued and loved. It seems monstrous to me that parents of such babies in the rest of the UK are so routinely encouraged to kill them.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
In spite of the arguable validity of the opinion of the CEDAW on the situation here, I would submit that it is a regressive step for civilization to believe that women can only feel themselves equal when they have the right to kill their unborn children. It is especially disturbing to realise that 98% of babies who are killed in abortions in Great Britain are perfectly healthy. It is disingenuous of the abortion lobby to use the 2% that are 'hard cases' to argue for a change to N Ireland's laws. My heart goes out to women in hard cases and I believe they need all the support we can give them. I personally know 2 mothers who carried their babies to term knowing that they wouldn't survive and have no regrets, and another told a similar story to the Belfast Telegraph. One of those mothers that I know shared on social media that she would do it all again for the few days she had with her baby. Surely this is a much better memory to have than that of having authorised the cruel (yes, babies in the womb are sentient beings) killing of their babies.

4) PERSONAL STORIES

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