


Amnesty International has been condemned by pro-life groups, including the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, for the organization's support of abortion: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/torture/bishops-protest-change-in-amnesty-internationals-abortion-policy-2007-08-23.cfm>

"Amnesty International believes that where women's access to safe and legal abortion services and information is restricted, their fundamental human rights may be at grave risk."

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/press-releases/2009/05/nicaragua-complete-ban-abortion-violates-torture-convention-20090515/> (see screenshot below)

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Background information Where women's access to safe and legal abortion services and information is restricted, their fundamental human rights may be at grave risk. Amnesty International therefore calls on states to do the following to prevent and end grave abuses of women's human rights in accordance with state obligations under international human rights standards: (a) repeal all laws which permit the imprisonment or imposition of any other criminal sanction on women for seeking or having an abortion and all other laws which provide for imprisonment or other criminal penalties solely for those providing information about or carrying out abortions; (b) provide access to medical services for complications arising from abortion to all women in need in any circumstance, regardless of the legal status of abortion; (c) take all necessary measures to ensure that safe and legal abortion services are available, accessible, acceptable and of good quality for all women who require them in cases of unwanted pregnancy as a result of rape, sexual assault or incest and pregnancy which poses a risk to the life or grave risk to the health of the woman. Amnesty International does not take a position on any other aspects of abortion.

Amnesty International's attack on Ireland's abortion ban:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2016/06/irelands-ban-on-abortion-violates-human-rights/>

See also: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/get-involved/my-body-my-rights/>

