

I am writing to express my dismay that the Public Prosecutor's office has closed more than 2,000 cases of victims of alleged forced sterilization during the 1990s and only filed charges against health professionals in the case of María Mamérita Mestanza Chávez.

I urge you to review this decision in view of the vast evidence suggesting that health professionals implementing this family planning program were pressured by government authorities into meeting sterilization quotas and that in most cases women did not give their free and informed consent.

I think that you should guarantee the sexual and reproductive rights of all people without discrimination based on gender, race or economic situation, and should guarantee the right to truth, justice and reparation to all women and their relatives who were affected by this practice.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,