

I am writing to express my grave concern on Belén who continues to be detained in Tucuman Province after suffering a miscarriage in a public hospital. On 12 May, her release was denied. Medical personnel and police officials violated her right to privacy and have unfairly accused and mistreated her.

I should be urging the authorities to release Belen immediately and unconditionally, guaranteeing that no criminal process is conducted against her nor any other girl or woman who suffers a miscarriage or other obstetric complications.

I am also calling on them to instruct health professionals to guarantee the doctor-patient duty of confidentiality and to guarantee mechanisms to sanction anyone who fails to protect women's right to privacy.

I am urging the authorities to open a prompt, impartial and independent investigation into the allegations of ill-treatment and infringements on the right to privacy committed both by health professionals and police officers.

Sincerely,