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**WOMEN'S MARCH GLOBAL WORLDWIDE PROTESTS AGAINST THE ROLLBACK OF WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS TO TAKE PLACE 18 JANUARY 2020**

*Women's March Global's 2020 title is "March For Our Human Rights" and is focused on bodily autonomy, the right to decide for one's own body*

**GLOBAL | 18 DECEMBER 2019** - In one month, millions of women and allies across the world will come together and march in solidarity for the advancement of women's human rights, equality, and social justice. Organised by Women's March Global, a network of 100+ Chapters and thousands of Members worldwide who take action in their local communities to advance women's human rights, the theme of this year's March is bodily autonomy, drawing attention to the systemic oppression women face in their attempts to decide about their body, life, and future.

Women's Global March has partnered with [SheDecides](#), [Amnesty International](#), and the [International Planned Parenthood Federation](#) for this year's March for Our Human Rights. These international organisations have a well-documented history of advocating for the advancement of women's rights and providing invaluable resources and services to women in need across the world.

"This past year, we have experienced a surge in the rollback of women's human rights across the world," said Women's March Global Executive Director Uma Mishra-Newbery. "One of the most shocking developments was when the [United States declared, along with 19 other member states](#), that there is no international right to abortion at a United Nations meeting. We are extremely concerned that this will lead to a collective retreat of women's rights across the world."

The states that denied women's right to access safe and legal abortion at the United Nations represent 1.3 billion people. This year's March will bring attention to the alarming rollback of women's right to bodily autonomy. It will also declare that women and allies will not allow this to stand, displaying global solidarity for the right to make free decisions about what happens to one's own body, life, and future. Without question.

"The tireless advocacy for women's human rights and social justice by organisations like SheDecides, IPPF, and Amnesty International has been instrumental in the empowerment of women and girls and the promotion and protection of their human rights. We are inspired by them and are honoured to partner for the March for Our Human Rights. Together we will inspire change and launch women and their allies into a new decade of activism." said Mishra-Newbery.

Women's March Global Marches will be held in cities and towns across the world including Canada, Central and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. The Marches will be live-streamed to reach a wider audience, enable greater international participation, and showcase the power of the women's rights movement across all digital channels.

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#### **ABOUT WOMEN'S MARCH GLOBAL**

Women's March Global is a network of 100+ Chapters and thousands of Members worldwide who take action every day in their local communities to advance women's human rights.

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#### **International Planned Parenthood Federation:**

International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) is a global charity committed to leading a locally owned, globally connected civil society movement that provides and enables services and champions sexual and reproductive health and rights. With a federation of 133 member associations working in 146 countries, IPPF has delivered over 223 million reproductive health and services to 68 million people. IPPF's partnership with Women's March Global for the "March For Our Human Rights" 2020 campaign will help raise awareness of global challenges surrounding sexual and reproductive health.

#### **SheDecides:**

SheDecides was launched at the start of 2017 as an urgent reaction to the Global Gag Rule. It has rapidly evolved from a hashtag and a one-day conference into a global political movement driving change, fuelled by community action, and with young people at its heart. Guided by the SheDecides Manifesto: A new normal where every girl and woman can decide about her body, her life, her future. Without question.

Working together, SheDecides advances the fundamental right of girls and women everywhere to enjoy their bodies, to make their own choices, to have access to comprehensive sexuality education and the full range of quality care that unite all parts of her sexual and reproductive life and health. A world where every girl and woman can exercise her right to privacy, gender identity, choosing partners, pleasure, marriage, children – and integrated services covering contraception, pregnancy, abortion, infertility, STIs, HIV, cancers and violence. The evidence is clear: when She Decides about her body, the world is better, stronger and safer.

**Amnesty International:**

Amnesty International is a global movement of over seven million people, in more than 150 countries, working together to protect and promote human rights and campaign for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all. Their vision is for every person to enjoy all the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards and to conduct research and generate action to ensure countries around the world adhere to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other human rights policy instruments. We are independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion and are funded mainly by our membership and public donations. Amnesty International's partnership with Women's March Global will help to ensure that women's rights enshrined in international law are promoted and respected and observed.