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Uruguay: Amnesty International representatives attend Regional Conference on sexual and reproductive rights

Amnesty International representatives are attending the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in Montevideo, Uruguay, from 12 to 15 August.

The conference is taking place against a global backdrop of increasingly organised attacks on gender equality and sexual and reproductive rights from various conservative groups and governments. The recent case of Beatriz, a young woman who received a life-saving therapeutic abortion only after months of international pressure on the Salvadoran authorities, emphasises the importance of a progressive outcome of the conference reaffirming sexual and reproductive rights for all.

The conference brings together governments and civil society groups from the region to review regional implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action, agreed in Cairo in 1994, which have profound implications for sexual and reproductive rights beyond 2014.

Amnesty International representatives are also taking part in two pre-meetings: a Youth Forum (10 August) and a Civil Society Forum (11 August).

Amnesty International representatives **Fernanda Doz Costa, Alejandra Umpierrez, Sabrina Frydman** and **Paola Garcia Rey** are available for interviews in Spanish and English.

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