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MWIA express solidarity and urges immediate action by global community to restore Human Rights in Nicaragua

The Medical Women's International Association- is troubled following by reports of recent acts of continued violence in Nicaragua against students, civilians, clergy members and media personnel.

International organizations must ensure and monitor that human rights are respected by all governments, and that action may be taken against governments that do not do it.

It is the duty of all NGOs to give evidence of episodes of violence which they learn to raise public awareness and combat violence in all its forms.

As one of the aims of MWIA is to defend the health of men, women and children all over the world, we believe it is our duty to strive to protect those who are violated.

We are deeply concerned that our medical colleagues and other members of the health care work force are being intimidated and threatened and are often being held hostage in clinics and hospitals. This continued abuse against them is preventing the delivery of health care for those unfortunate victims of violence, at this crucial time. The continued delays in providing timely medical assistance is unacceptable and we call upon the Nicaraguan authorities to address this violence and inhumane treatment of the people and ensure that their health and human rights are not compromised as they are at present.

We, the members of MWIA collectively call upon world leaders, the various UN agencies and international judiciary joining with calls from our non-governmental associations' and academic colleagues to take immediate action against the unacceptable situation in Nicaragua.

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