

WMA STATEMENT ON SEX SELECTION ABORTION AND FEMALE FOETICIDE

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The WMA is gravely concerned that female foeticide and sex selection abortion is commonly practiced in certain countries.

The WMA denounces female foeticide and sex selection abortion as a totally unacceptable example form of gender discrimination.

The WMA holds that sex selection abortion for reasons of gender preference is discriminatory, where it is solely due to parental preference and where there are no health implications for the foetus or the woman.

The World Medical Association calls on National Medical Associations:

- To denounce the practice of female foeticide and the use of sex selection abortion for gender preference and;
- To advise their governments accordingly.