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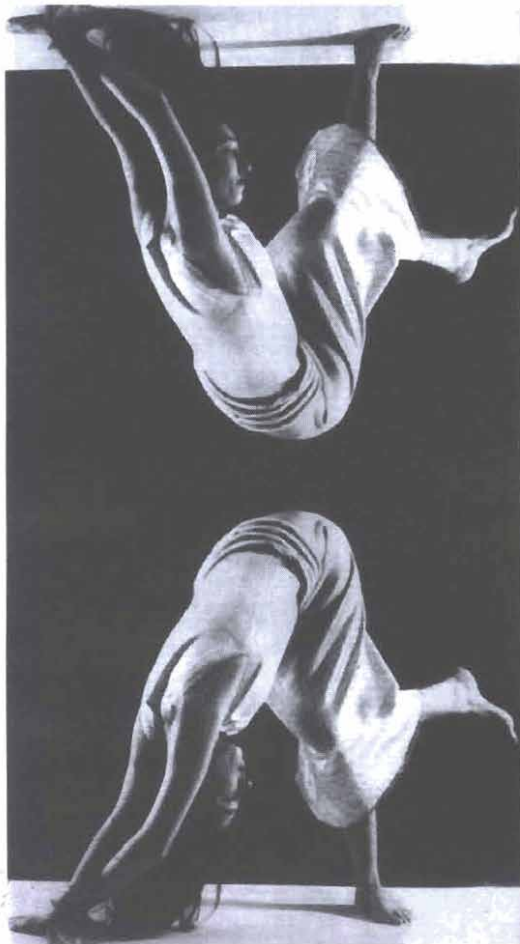
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*Women's citizenship begins in and is expressed through their bodies, that personal and private territory over which we must be capable of making sovereign decisions, based on our own individual realities, free from coercion or violence.*

*This autonomy is fundamental for the exercise of rights, as is access to timely and accurate sexual and reproductive health information and services of the highest quality.*

## *Abortion, a Woman's Right*



*The defense of sexual and reproductive freedom and freedom of choice regarding one's own body are central elements of the feminist agenda and must be non-negotiable, political and ethical principles.*

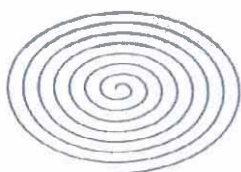
*Access to safe and legal abortion is an intrinsic aspect of women's sexual and reproductive autonomy, not only because of the serious health problems involved in clandestine abortion, but also because women are citizens with rights and individuals with the full moral authority to make their own decisions regarding what is best for themselves.*



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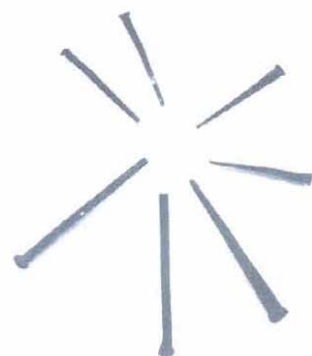
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