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Some key points below from yesterday's meeting between the Minister and the Salvadoran Ambassador, HE Elisabeth Hayek-Weinmann.

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- The Minister asked the Ambassador to send back the message to the Salvadoran Government that he, the **Minister**, had raised **concerns** about their **anti-abortion laws** and that we felt strongly about this. Women were locked up after miscarriages and abortion after rape was a criminal offence, including after rape of minors such as fifteen year old girls. The Ambassador noted that the international focus on abortion had reopened and parliament, who would make the decision, were debating where the law should be modified. (**Comment:** The decision by the Salvadoran Parliament to reconsider the abortion law follows lobbying by Baroness Stern during her recent visit).

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