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"The Catholic Church has been equally vigilant, and that is good. Its vigilance and statements have kept us consistently active and as unyielding with our position. The difference in viewpoint is a reality and should be respected. However,

when this viewpoint has turned into acts that infringe on women's rights i.e. reproductive health, the women will not put up with it. As so with legislators so full of themselves and their machismo, hence, cannot accept women as co-equal in society. We will continue to mobilize and fight for what is rightfully ours," added Ms. Miranda.

For more than a decade, PM has been consistently working with women's groups in the struggle for women's right to reproductive health. ###

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