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## REBECCA GOMPERTS

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FOR DELIVERING A CHOICE BY  
DRONE.



A drone hung in the sky above the small Polish border town of Slubice and dropped — what else? — abortion pills. The gift, delivered by abortion-rights NGO [Women on Waves](https://www.womenonwaves.org/) (<https://www.womenonwaves.org/>) this June, called attention to restrictions on access to the procedure: Nearly 40 percent of the world's people [live](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/31/magazine/the-dawn-of-the-post-clinic-abortion.html) (<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/31/magazine/the-dawn-of-the-post-clinic-abortion.html>) in countries that deny or limit a woman's right to abortion, and in predominantly Catholic Poland, abortions are rarely permitted. For 14 years, the organization — led by Rebecca Gomperts, a Dutch physician and activist — has rented ships, docked them in international waters near the coasts of Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and Morocco, and administered the procedure [there](http://www.womenonwaves.org/en/page/2582/ship-campaigns) (<http://www.womenonwaves.org/en/page/2582/ship-campaigns>). When anti-abortion groups vowed to shoot down the drone this summer, Gomperts [told](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/24/abortion-drone-border-poland-germany-women-on-waves) (<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/24/abortion-drone-border-poland-germany-women-on-waves>) the