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Menstrual Wheel

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If the egg is fertilized, this lining of the uterus provides a home to a growing baby.

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If there is no fertilization, the body sheds the uterus lining in the form of blood or blood clots.
Pledge for Girls and Women

I will break the silence on menstruation.

I will not feel shy;
I will take pride.

I will spread the word outside and inside the home.