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Intervention of Belgium in the Commission on Population and Development

Mister Chairman,

More than *half a million women* worldwide die every year from complications of pregnancy and delivery. AIDS has made three million victims. In total, morbidity and mortality related to bad reproductive health make up *one fifth* of the global morbidity burden, and almost a third for women.

Family planning saves lives. Today, two hundred million women in need of efficient and

available to them, it would be possible to avoid more than a hundred thousand maternal deaths per year, that is, one fifth of the annual global number. In addition, when women can plan and space pregnancies, families are smaller, more prosperous, and children are in better health and better educated.¹

There are in our country numerous deaths due to non communicable diseases such as

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