

**Commission on Population and Development**  
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**Agenda item 4**

**Maternal health, morbidity and mortality**

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**Oral statement by Ipas, Catholics for Choice, the Center for Reproductive Rights, Human Rights Watch, and the National Women's Law Center**

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consistently use contraception, are better able to negotiate circumstances of sex, and have better access than poor women to health services, including safe abortion, regardless of its legal status. Legalizing abortion can decrease financial barriers to health care, including by reducing the prevalence of black market services, which are often exorbitantly priced. Making safe, elective

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