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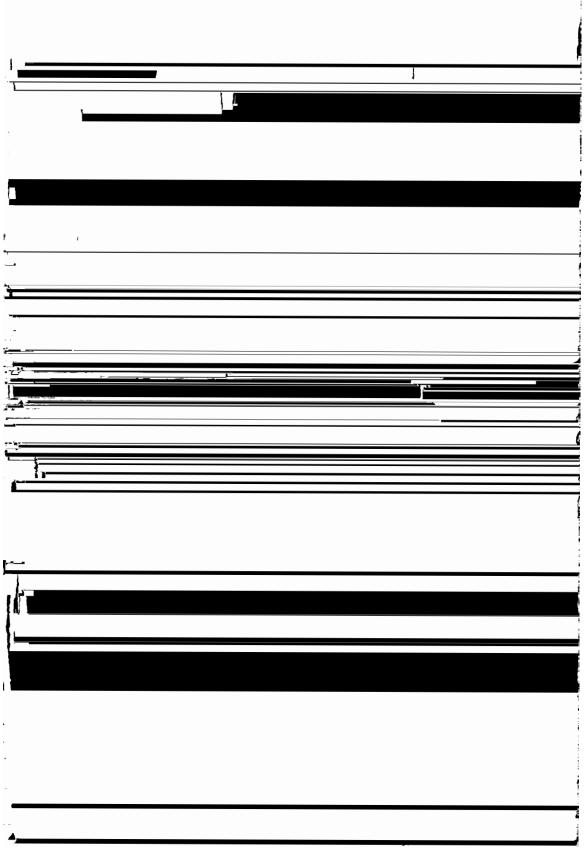
Today the least developed countries face high rates of mortality, fertility and population growth that threaten their prospects for development. Investing in reproductive health will allow the LDCs to meet the needs of women and couples who currently lack access

to family planning, and reduce poverty.

UNFPA as a global leader will work with member states to address their specific reproductive health issues.



Mr. Chairman,



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