

August 1, 2014

His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary General of the United Nations  
New York, NY, USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am writing to applaud the inclusion of family planning and universal access to sexual and reproductive health care services by 2030 in proposed goal 3, as stated in the final draft of the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Open Working Group for Sustainable Development.

Nearly 1,000 individuals and organizations—with more than 75% representative of the Global South—urge you to reaffirm the attached declaration, made at the 2013 International Conference on Family Planning in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to ensure that:

- Universal access to voluntary, high quality family planning and sexual and reproductive health services, including of the widest possible contraceptive choice, is included in the post-2015 framework;
- Existing MDG targets on maternal mortality and access to reproductive health that have not been met are carried over into the new framework as key goals and targets; and
- The gap in unmet need for family planning is closed in full within the time frame of the new post-2015 framework.

Millions of women, men and young people around the world are counting on your leadership to secure sexual and reproductive health services for all people. It is our hope that family planning remains a core component in upcoming discussions of the Sustainable Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Sincerely,



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