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**Talking Points for Agenda item 6:** Contribution of population and development issues to the theme of the annual ministerial review in 2010 - link between gender equality and “health, mortality, morbidity and development”.

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Mr Chairman  
Mr President

Thanks for organising this useful session. We also appreciated receiving the advanced unedited copies of the relevant Secretary-General’s reports this week, which we will review with great interest as we prepare for ECOSOC.

The health of the mother and the baby are closely linked during pregnancy and immediately after birth. Most of these deaths could be prevented or avoided through