

FEIM Oral Statement

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I speak on behalf of the project "Strategies from the South: Building Synergies in HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights"

and Latin America and the Caribbean since 2006.

We urge governments, to:

- **Reaffirm the importance of the implementation of the ICPD**

adolescents, sex workers, LBT people, and for those living with HIV/AIDS, including access to Emergency Contraception and female and male condoms¹ **Lack of access to female condoms,**

is a significant obstacle for women's prevention of HIV.

Contraceptive prevalence rates are still low in many countries in Africa, Asia and LAC, and must be increased to achieve MDG5b.

- **Reduce Maternal Mortality Ratio especially through access to**

obstetric care and safe abortion

- **Guarantee young people and adolescents, access to confidential, gender-sensitive sexual and reproductive health services, including HIV.** To achieve this it's necessary to remove all legal and social barriers still existing. Access to contraceptive methods, including female and male condoms, is still not assured for adolescents in many countries in the three regions.

violation of women's rights. Gender inequalities and violence against women fuel HIV infections among women and girls and deny women full exercise of their rights.

- Increase resources for strengthening health systems to guarantee women's access to ARV drugs, especially important to ensure the women's life and wellbeing.
- Improve PMTCT offering testing and treating if positive, pregnant women and their partners.

elimination of forced sterilization.