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Oral Statement by Ipas

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

I am representative of Ipas, an international organization dedicated to reducing deaths and injuries of

women due to unsafe abortion, I call on members of the Commission on Population and Development to take a firm and unwavering stance in support of women's reproductive health and rights.

In 1994, the ICPD affirmed the links between women's control over their own fertility and sustained economic growth and development. The Programme of Action established that achieving development

improved access to family planning information and services, high-quality post abortion care, and accessible safe, legal abortion. This issue must be brought out of the shadows and addressed forthrightly. We have a commitment to fulfill international agreements such as the ICPD Programme of Action and the MDGs, but we must not lose sight of the real commitment – our commitment to the