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Madam Chair, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for the

opportunity to speak today on behalf of FEMM. The FEMM Foundation is a knowledge based

health program for women inspired by women's right to be informed participants in their own healthcare and to make voluntary decisions based on options, information, and understanding. We are dedicated to health education, medical research, and improving reproductive health care to improve women's health. FEMM has trained doctors and educated women from around the world.

FEMM welcomes the theme of strengthening the demographic evidence base. Good evidence is essential to ensuring that the policies implemented as part of the Sustainable Development Agenda truly meet the needs of people. As an organization committed to health care, through our patient education and practitioner training programs, we have seen how

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hormone connection. Research indicates that only three percent of women can identify key signs of health, such as ovulation, and many do not understand the delicate interplay of hormones

necessary for good health. Many women also are told that the symptoms they experience, such as weight gain, depression, migraines, pain, irregular bleeding, and acne are "normal." But while these are common, they are not normal. Many indicate underlying hormonal abnormalities, for