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Federal Republic of Germany

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childbirth are a leading cause of death among adolescent girls in developing countries.

services, including modern contraceptives, are socially acceptable and readily available.

Madame Chair,

Let me take this opportunity to say a few words on the topic: population age structures and sustainable development. Ten years have passed since this topic was last on the agenda. The current generation of youth is the largest in history to live on our planet. These young people want to live, learn, work and make a better life for themselves. We must do everything in our power to protect their rights, help them realize their full potential and develop into healthy, educated adults. These aims are not only important for their prosperity and development as individuals but also for the development and prosperity of our countries as a whole.

At the same time, people are also living longer. They are healthier, more active and more

being of society. Managing demographic change is a national task that demands effort