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## Oral Statement

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Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the 200 chapters and 70,000 member families of MCCL and its Global Outreach program, which is active in 47 countries, I appreciate this opportunity to speak.

Demographic changes offer both challenges and opportunities to nations across the world. To facilitate the demographic transition and take advantage of the so-called "demographic window," many in the international community seek to reduce fertility rates in the developing world. Some, moreover, seek to encourage the legalization of abortion in countries in which unborn children are protected by law. This is the wrong approach.

Demographic changes have been a central theme of the International Year of the Girl. The IYD Programme of Action states that