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CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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MEXICO CITY, 1 JULY (DPA) — A UN report says Central America and the Caribbean has made significant progress in expanding access to education and sanitation, but action is needed to reduce maternal mortality and protect forests.

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