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health and rights for all, with a focus on the most vulnerable groups is one of the priorities of German development cooperation in the area of health and population policy.

-heretofore, we strongly advocate for a rights-based and gender sensitive approach to family planning and comprehensive sexuality education as well as linking HIV/AIDS to sexual and reproductive health strategies.

Since Cairo Germany has provided more than 1 billion euros for the implementation of the Programme of Action.

-through our own initiative on rights-based family planning and maternal health the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development takes action to ensure the acceptability, availability, accessibility and quality of family planning services including contraceptives. Because of its great success the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Mr. Gerd Giller has announced the extension of the Initiative until at least 2006, with an annual funding of 100 million euros.

-together, with UNFPA and UNAIDS, we support the Eastern and Southern Africa 5 or ESA 5 Initiative on HIV Prevention and Sexual Health and Rights for Young People. -to strengthen HIV prevention and to promote positive health outcomes the ESA Initiative advocates for access to quality comprehensive sexuality education as well as sexual and reproductive health services for young people in the region.

Madame Chair, ladies and gentleman

Let me take this opportunity to also address the special theme of this year's

Panel, which is "Strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2000 development agenda". Germany would like to stress the importance and

necessity of regularly collecting and analysing and disseminating population data  
We support several of our partner countries in strengthening their data  
systems as an indispensable precondition for evidence-based development  
planning at all levels of decision-making. Considering population dynamics is  
key for an efficient and for a more logical allocation of resources and sustainable  
development.

Madame Chair ladies and gentleman

Significant challenges persist in the full implementation of the Cairo Program of  
Action as the IPI Review, in 2007 has shown. But this does not mean that we  
give up. On the contrary it means that we have to intensify our efforts.

Together, with our partners, we will work to ensure the preservation of the  
principles of the Cairo Conference and call upon all development partners to  
support the further implementation of the Cairo Plan of Action and the  
preservation of the IPI beyond 2007.

Thank you for your kind attention.