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**Mr. President,  
Mr. Chair,  
Excellencies,  
USG, Executive Director,  
Ladies and gentlemen,**

**I am delighted to be here to address this important  
session of the Commission on Population and Development.**

**Eighty years ago, Sweden was one of the poorest countries in Europe. Poverty was widespread. My own aunt died young of tuberculosis. Pregnant women rightly feared death in childbirth.**

**As we know, the vast majority of today's maternal deaths occur in poor countries. As global citizens, we must not tolerate preventable deaths when we have the means to stop them.**

**My earlier work dealing with emergencies led me to advocate for the Millennium Development Goals, especially the ones related to clean water and sanitation.**

**At the same time, I have joined many of you on the frontlines in the campaign for gender equality. I will never**

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**We have an urgent responsibility to invest in creating**

The findings of the ICPD review show a broad consensus among Member States on key issues, as reflected in the negotiations on regional action plans. I am pleased