

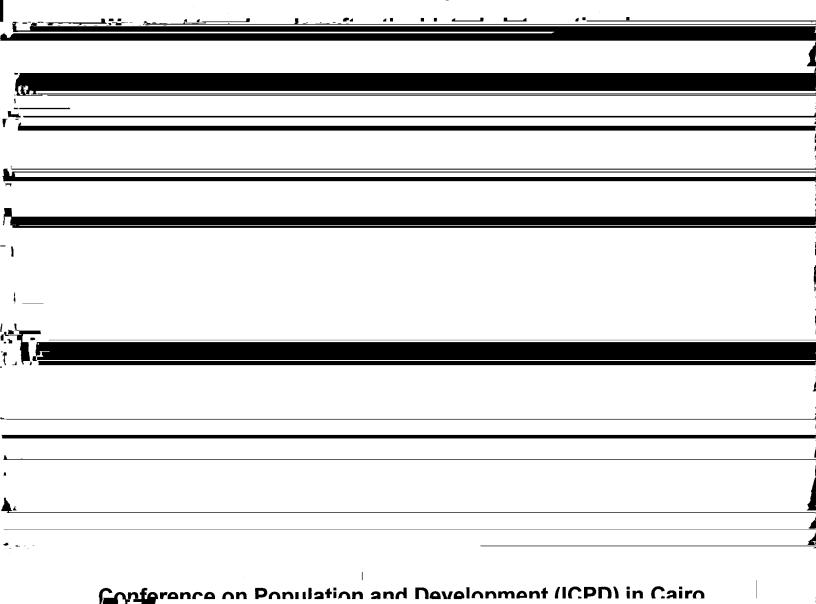
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REMARKS TO THE 47TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON

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.

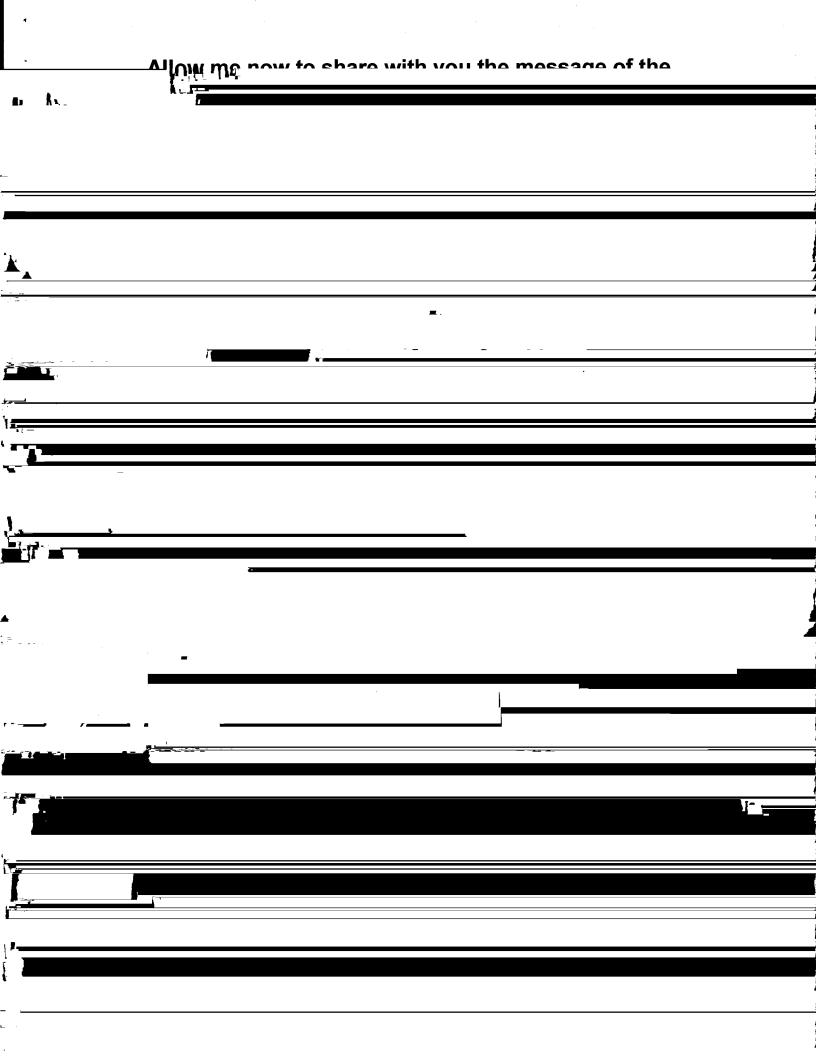


Eighty years ago, Sweden was one of the poorest countries in Europe. Poverty was widespread. My own aunt died young of tuberculosis. Pregnant women rightly feared death in childbirth.

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



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