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statement on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

At the 22nd Plenary Meeting

of the Economic and Social Council General Assembly

President of the Council

Mr. Pro

Secretary-General for his outstanding work and elaborate
is for the follow-up to the Program of Action of the

At the outset let me thank the
reports of the framework of

Historic gains were documented in reproductive health including decreases in maternal

(from 49.2 to 27.4), infant (from 21 to 12) and under-5 mortality rates (from 24.9 to 12.0) since 2000. Abortion rates have also decreased (from 3.7 to 1.6) with parallel increase in contraceptive prevalence rate (from 20% to 54%). Screening programs for breast and cervical cancer were introduced in 2005 and universal Access to HIV treatment has been maintained since 2002.

• Georgia introduced its flagship programme of Universal Health Care Programme in

health and education and that there are still significant barriers for many around the world to

To tackle remaining challenges in my country, specific measures are being undertaken aimed
at providing sustainable and inclusive economic growth, benefits of which will be available for