





Mr. Chairman,

Tanzania aligns itself with the statements delivered by Algeria on behalf of the  
*Group of 77 and China, Cameroon, Cuba, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.*

We commend the Secretary-General for his reports submitted under this agenda item and take note of the recommendations contained therein

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Tanzania believes that equal opportunity for women and girls is a basic human

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Another area of concern for Tanzania is the issue of maternal health. When a woman undertakes her biological role of becoming pregnant and undergoing childbirth, the society has an obligation to fulfill her basic human rights and that of her child. Yet for too many of the world's women – and especially those from poor women – it is a matter of chance whether they can reach a health care facility during pregnancy

Surviving childbirth should not be a matter of chance. It is a matter of women's basic right to health and life. Women have a right to get through pregnancy and childbirth safely.

Access and proximity to health centres with qualified and experienced