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FOREWORD TO UNFPA ANNUAL REPORT 2006

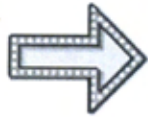
Every country has made commitments to improve living standards in larger freedom. These commitments are elaborated in many international agreements, including the Millennium Development Goals and Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development. Yet for millions of women and girls, a life of health and equal opportunity is threatened by violence, discrimination, poverty and other ills.

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is a key partner in providing the expertise and support needed to change this unacceptable state of affairs. For nearly 40 years, UNFPA has fought for women's rights and empowerment. In 2006 UNFPA provided assistance to 154 developing countries and territories, with special emphasis on increasing the availability and quality of reproductive health services, fighting gender discrimination and violence, formulating effective population policies and intensifying HIV prevention. As always, partnerships -- with United Nations agencies and others -- made progress possible. UNFPA also joined in efforts to reform the United Nations, in particular towards "One UN" and better system-wide coherence.

The right to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity must be pursued on many fronts. Yet much depends on meeting one single goal that is put forth in both the ICPD and the outcome of the 2005 World Summit: universal access to reproductive health by 2015. UNFPA pursues this objective in many ways: by providing training for midwives and safe motherhood supplies for refugees; by helping to devise national action plans to address violence against women, forging partnerships with faith-based organizations, encouraging youth participation, assisting with census-taking and promoting family planning.

UNFPA's mission is clear: to help countries to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person is free of HIV/AIDS, and every girl and woman is treated with dignity and respect. This report chronicles UNFPA's diverse and vital work around the world, and I commend the information and analysis contained here to a wide global audience.





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01/05/2007 01:01 PM

To Omar Gharzeddine

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cc Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO@UNHQ

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Subject sg foreword for unfpa annual report 

dear omar,
attached is an approved text. you will note that with a little more digging, we were able to determine that "universal access" is mentioned in the world summit outcome, not the mdgs, so we have changed the text accordingly. we've also incorporated your other suggestions, though perhaps tidied them up a bit. let me know if you have any questions.

best,
richard



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01/05/2007 11:02 AM

To Richard Amdur <amdur@un.org>

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Subject Re: Fw: S-G's Foreword for UNFPA Annual Report

Dear Richard,

Sorry to bother you again. I have added two more changes to the text. I hope that's fine with you. Pls see attached.

Omar

Richard Amdur wrote:

dear mr. gharzeddine,
many thanks for the draft that was provided for this foreword. grateful for unfpa's comments before i put this through for approval. the edit reflects our usual tightening etc. one question, and forgive my ignorance:
i do not see "universal access to reproductive health by 2015" among the mdgs or the targets associated with the goals. grateful if you could



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16/04/2007 04:27 PM

To savill@un.org
cc Ruxandra Ferascu <ferascu@un.org>
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Subject S-G's Foreword for UNFPA Annual Report

Dear Ms. Savill,

Attached please find a draft Foreword by the Secretary-General for the UNFPA Annual Report 2006. I would very much appreciate your help in clearing the text to be included in the report. Please feel free to introduce any changes that you think are appropriate.

Also, I wonder whether we can also have a copy of Mr. Ban's signature to go with the text.

Many thanks for your help.

Best regards.
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UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is an international development agency that promotes the right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity. UNFPA supports countries in using population data for policies and programmes to reduce poverty and to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person is free of HIV/AIDS, and every girl and woman is treated with dignity and respect.



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