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Progress Towards Attainment of
International Development Goals and
Targets**

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Intervention Note :

Thank you Chair,

Malaysia takes note and commends the WHO for the report which highlights initiatives related to women, children and adolescents. Malaysia lauds the inclusive efforts by WHO to outline strategies to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets in reproductive health.

Malaysia applauds WHO's efforts in providing technical assistance towards achieving international development goals. Various publications by WHO provide latest and evidence-based recommendations and support countries to improve quality of reproductive health services. These efforts are evident through reduction in global maternal mortality ratio by 35% since year 2000.

Malaysia commits to strengthen current efforts and secure further commitments in moving towards achieving international development goals and targets in reproductive health. Malaysia continues to work via smart partnership with multiagency in advocating and implementing the adolescent-friendly health services with particular attention to sexual and reproductive health.

In the latest development of maternal health services, emphasis is given to pre or inter-conception care of women with medical illnesses. This serves to optimize their conditions before embarks on pregnancy with focus on satisfying family planning needs among women in high-risk groups. Malaysia also adopted nutritional intervention recommendations in monitoring gestational weight gain in addressing complications related to maternal and child. Thank you.