

**Statement of the I.R. Iran on
"Reproductive health: Strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment
of international development goals and targets"**

The design of the maternal care system and its integration into the primary health care system (PHC) of Iran cover all pregnant mothers in rural and urban areas. Since most of the health services are provided free of charge, inequality in the provision of care services, which is one of the most important causes of maternal morbidity and mortality, has been minimized.

Child mortality is one of the important indicators of the health and development of countries. One of the recent and valuable innovations in Iran's health system has been free provision of outpatient and inpatient treatment for infants and children under 7 years. Additionally, based on the family and youthful population law, pregnant and lactating mothers, as well as those children under the age of five in need of support, are provided with a free monthly nutrition and health basket.

In the international culture, reproductive and sexual health rights mean the right to use family planning methods, have access to abortion services, as well as unrestricted sexual relations. According to the general policies in Iran, and due to adherence to Islamic-Iranian culture, intentional (non-therapeutic) abortions and sexual relations outside the family framework are prohibited. This is because the fetal life is respected. Additionally, contracting sexually transmitted infections and infertility caused by intentional abortion. Furthermore, long-term use of contraceptive methods endanger women's health and rights.

In recent years, the plan of "fake narratives of marriage and gender" has been aimed at trying to eliminate valuable concepts such as mother, father, and natural structure of family, which can be considered an example of a crime against humanity. Serious attention to maintaining and strengthening family relationships is considered essential for the comprehensive health of its members. Formalizing relationships outside the framework of the natural family and behaviors such as homosexuality and freedom in sexual relationships may lead to instability and destruction of the family.