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Suggested Inputs for Ms. Maia Lagvilava's intervention

Duration: 2-3 min

Distinguished delegates, dear guests

It's my pleasure to highlight Georgia's progress towards addressing ICPD issues regarding sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights during the last five years:

- Let me articulate that in 2017, the Georgian Government, with technical assistance from UNFPA, developed a comprehensive long-term 2017-2030 Maternal and Newborn Health Strategy, which includes Family Planning and Youth SRH as separate strategic priorities. This comprehensive document responds to country's commitments in light of the ICPD Programme of Action.
- The Universal Healthcare Program (UHP) that is implemented in the country since 2013, covers a wide spectrum of maternal care services. Government's efforts are targeted towards **ending preventable maternal deaths** through improving the quality of SRH/maternal health services and enabling their universal, as well as enhancing awareness of the population and youth on SRH issues;
- With partnership of USAID, UNFPA and UNICEF in 2014 was initiated the national project of **perinatal care services** regionalization and in 2017 innovative **selective contracting methodology of perinatal services**. With these concerted efforts, the country made a **significant step towards eliminating preventable maternal deaths** and ensures the provision of quality care for mothers and newborns

- Currently, in partnership with UNFPA we work to introduce the **Ante-Natal Care (ANC) regionalization initiative**; As the next step we plan to include the **Family Planning** counseling and free provision of contraceptive supplies in the basic benefit package of the Universal Healthcare Programme for Youth and Targeted Social Assistance (TSA) program beneficiaries.
- Furthermore with technical assistance from UNFPA, the age sensitive information regarding gender equality, reproductive health and healthy lifestyle are being introduced in the general education system.
- At the end, let me emphasize that we are proud that 2 representatives from Georgia participated in the ICPD negotiations 25 years ago. Today, after 25 years, ICPD Programme of Action still guide national efforts towards improving lives of women, men and youth - and contributing to the sustainable development of the country.