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Dear Ms. Newport,

As the United Nations Population Fund Regional Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, organizer of the High Level Meeting on Maternal Health/ Millennium Development Goal 5 and Universal Access to Reproductive Health, held on 11 November 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey, I would like to express our strong appreciation for your contribution to this extremely successful meeting.

I am pleased to report that government officials, parliamentarians and representatives of academic institutions from twenty countries recognized the importance of sexual and reproductive health in meeting our countries' development goals and shared strategies that can make a difference in the health of women in the region. The participants reaffirmed their commitment to accelerate efforts toward further increasing access to reproductive health services, improving maternal health and reducing maternal mortality and morbidity by adopting a Statement of Commitment and Key Actions to achieve Millennium Development Goal 5 in Eastern Europe and Central Asia by 2015 (enclosed).

We hope that we can call upon your expertise again at future events and look forward to our continued collaboration in the implementation of the recommendations that come from the meeting.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support to the success of the conference.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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