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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Working Group for this report. Ireland welcomes today's timely and important discussion.

The statistics presented in the report are stark: an estimated 810 maternal deaths occur each day globally, while 47,000 women die every year as a result of unsafe abortions. .

Further, the report captures the devastating impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had, and continues to have, on the sexual and reproductive health rights of women and girls.

The lesson to be drawn is that violations of women's human rights are greatly exacerbated by situations of crisis.

This report therefore makes compelling arguments as to why States must be better prepared for crisis events by incorporating a gender responsive approach to emergency and long term measures. The Report sets out a number of far-reaching recommendations, which my Government is examining closely.

We would like to ask the Working Group to please outline any plans to promote these recommendations further?

Thank you.