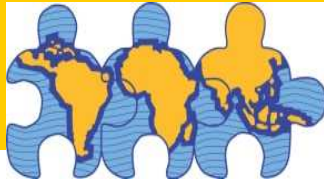


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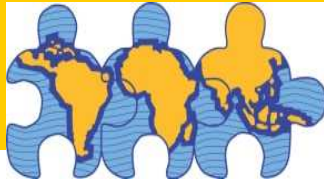


Re-Affirming Commitments to Achieve the Health-Related MDGs/MDG5b –

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MDG5



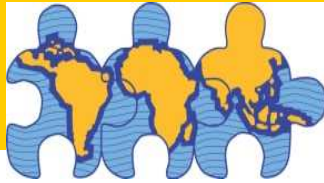
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MDG5A

5.1 Maternal mortality ratio

5.2 Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel

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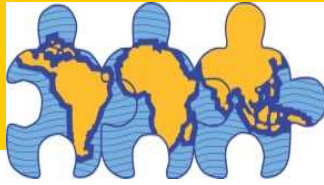
Target 5.B: Achieve, by 2015, universal access to reproductive health

5.3 Contraceptive prevalence rate

5.4 Adolescent birth rate

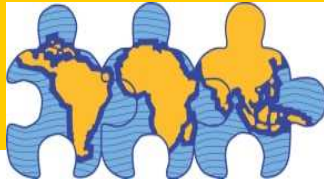
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5.6 Unmet need for family planning



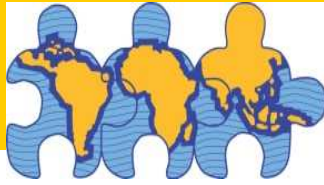
General Observation on the Status of MDG5 based on WHO Report 2008

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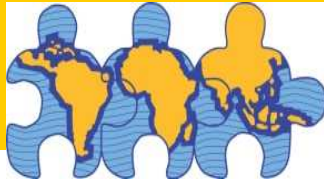
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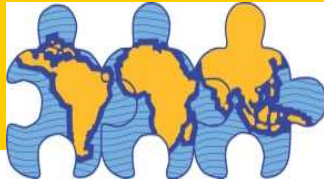
General Observation on the Status of MDG5 (Cont)

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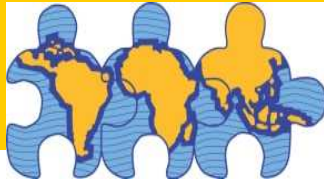
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- An unmet need for family planning undermines achievement of several other goals**



Re-affirming Commitments at Continental Level through:

(A) Adoption of Policies and Strategies

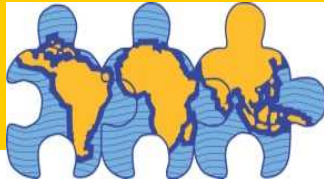
- **the Maputo Plan of Action, 2006**
- **the Africa Health Strategy, 2007**
- **The PMP for Africa, 2007**
- **The Plan of Action for prevention of violence, 2007**
- **Launch of CARMMA at Continental and national levels since May 2009**



Re-affirming Commitments at Continental Level through:

(B) Putting Maternal and Child Health on Top on continental agenda

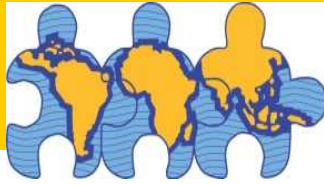
- Subsequent Summit debates and decisions since 2005**
- The landmark Decision to make “maternal and child health” the Major theme of the 2010 Summit**



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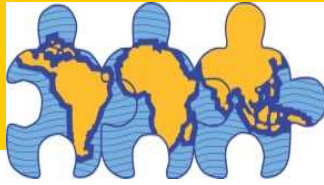
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- The ICPD+15 Outcome document, Oct 2009**



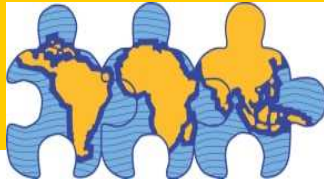
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- The Global Campaign on Health Related MDGs (4,5,6);**
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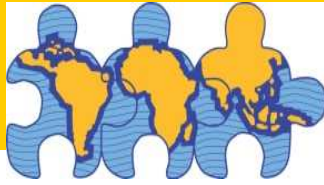
Beyond Commitments

- Need for concrete actions at national and local levels**
- Need for mobilization of domestic as well as global resources**
- Increased support for strengthening primary health care systems**
- Need for revitalizing the Maputo Plan of Action through the Momentum created by CARMMA**



Beyond Commitments

- **Need for updated and harmonized data on maternal and child health indicators**
- **Need for reinforcing the linkage between reproductive health and family planning services**
- **Creating synergy between international, regional and national efforts in the framework of the Paris Declaration**



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