

Conclusion

The Draft Program is a glimpse 20 years into the future, of accomplishments made and challenges met. We know this is not enough, so let's ensure that we check on our progress in implementing it. Our work here is a promise to our children that we will do more than talk. We will act:

- by cutting maternal mortality rates in half;
- by halting the spread of AIDS;
- by reducing infant mortality rates; and
- by making reproductive health a universal right.

We will also have slowed down the relentless ticking of the Earth Clock.

A quarter-century ago Nobel Peace laureate Lester Pearson, a man who once led my country, called on world leaders to "cultivate international ideals, develop international policies, strengthen international institutions . . . so that peace and progress can be made secure" in the human family.

Today in Cairo I carry forward his challenge. We must, because every generation has a moral obligation to leave to its children a safer, healthier world than the one it inherited.

This is our obligation. Today, it is our opportunity.

Thank you, Mr. President.