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FOREWORD

As the Chair of the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health, I am pleased to inform you that we have had a very active and successful year; the highlight being our Parliamentary Hearings on Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, which took place in April 2004.

We heard evidence from SRHR and HIV/AIDS NGOs, including women living with HIV/AIDS; health workers from India, Uganda and Thailand; Ministry of Health officials from South Africa, China and Thailand; SRHR experts from WHO, UNFPA, UNAIDS, the World Bank and the Global Health Fund; the European Commission and DfID’s Reproductive and Child Health and HIV/AIDS Units.

The Hearing Report “The Missing Link” was initially launched at the International Parliamentary Conference, held at the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, October 2004. 119 ministers and parliamentarians, from around the world, attended the event.

The report was subsequently launched in the UK Parliament, in March 2005.

Following the launch, Treasurer and Chair of the Hearings, Tony Worthington MP, made presentations on the report, at numerous ICPD+10 events; at the ICPD+10 NGO countdown 2015 conference, in London, in August 2004; at the Parliamentarians for Global Action Parliamentary meeting in Pakistan; and at various European national parliamentary conferences. The report findings and recommendations were well received, at all fora.

The group was pleased to note that DfID’s 2004 position paper, on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and also their HIV/AIDS Strategy, made strong references, to linking SRHR and HIV/AIDS, in order to improve maternal and child health and combat HIV/AIDS.

As well as launching the Hearing report, at the International Parliamentary conference in Strasbourg, group members were also successful, in getting a reference to a 9th Millennium Development Goal on SRHR, in the concluding statement at the conference, prior, to the World Summit.

In the UK parliament, members participated in debates and tabled PQs and EDMs on SRHR, in the lead up to the World Summit in September 2005, and during the UK presidency of the EU and the G8. Members also participated in other relevant conferences and meetings, on SRHR.
Throughout the year, members have been updated regularly on SRHR/Population issues, via committee meetings, parliamentary and general briefing meetings and receptions.

The group has done further work on the new Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003.

It was of particular interest to the group, that the new SS for ID, Hilary Benn MP, decided to establish a unit working solely on SRHR issues, with the title: Reproductive and Child Health Unit.

In the April 2004 Budget Report, the Chancellor Gordon Brown MP, announced that the UK Government remains committed to the UN target for aid of 0.7% of GNP.

The total UK aid in 2004 – 2005 stood at 4,141 million, 0.35% of GNP. It should rise to 0.47% by 2007 – 2008. At this rate of progress, the UK should reach the UN target of 0.7% by 2013.

UNFPA is now receiving £18 million per annum and IPPF is receiving £6 million per annum.

Bilateral Aid, by Health & Population Sector, continues to increase - as noted in funding graphs, in this annual report.

The APPG on PD&RH continues, to encourage initiatives, to increase individuals’ and couples access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, in order to achieve social and economical progress, environmental protection and poverty reduction.

Following the election in May 2005, the group sadly, said good bye, to several valuable and active members, including Tony Worthington MP, Brian Sedgemore MP, Terry Davies MP, and Linda Perham MP. The group was delighted to see active group members, Dr Jenny Tonge MP and George Foulkes MP, elevated to the House of Lords.

In 2005-2006, the group will be actively engaged, in recruiting and briefing, new MPs on SRHR issues. Study tours, briefing meetings and conferences will be organised, in order, to give new members a thorough understanding of SRHR issues and a better understanding, of the linkages, between SRHR and HIV/AIDS and the MDGs.

Parliamentary Hearings in 2006 have the title: Population Growth – Impact on the MDGs.

Christine McCafferty MP
Chair
COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

The APPG on PD&RH committee is active in planning and running the group's business.

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APPG PD&R AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Aims
Ensure the full implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action with specific reference to stabilising the world’s population through choice and ensuring sustainable development

Objectives
Raise the profile of population, and sexual and reproductive health and rights including family planning issues in Parliament and internationally;

Provide parliamentary backing to the Secretary of State for International Development in his negotiations with the Treasury with a view to increasing the UK Overseas Development Aid to 0.7% of GNP;

Keep under review population trends and sexual and reproductive health and rights programmes/policies/legislation nationally and internationally;

In consultation with Government departments, international agencies and NGOs, assess how this country might respond to requests from outside for support and to press for action by Parliament and the Government;

Study the results of research into the causes and consequences of population changes and the effect that access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services has and draw these to the attention of both Houses of Parliament;

Increase awareness of the interdependence between countries, with reference to poverty reduction, women’s equality, access to sexual and reproductive health and right services, environment, consumption and pollution and the impact of legislation, policies and practices of one country upon others.
PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES

APPG on PD&RH Committee Meetings
The group held 5 committee meetings between April 2004 - March 2005.

May 25th 2004
October 12th 2004 (AGM)
November 17th 2004
January 19th 2005
March 23rd 2005

Please find enclosed committee meeting minutes as appendix 1

APPG on PD&RH Parliamentary Briefing Meetings
15 Parliamentary briefing meetings/receptions were organised this year updating group members on national and international SRHR/population and international development issues.

June 2004: Reproductive Health Supplies briefing
Interact Worldwide consultants Hilary Vaughan, Senior Health Advisor at Crown Agents and Lester Chinery, Managing Director, Enet. Comm Ltd briefed group members and APPG on AIDS members on Reproductive Health Supplies in the developing world.

Please find enclosed briefing note on Reproductive Health Supplies as appendix 2

June 2004: Dinner with Paul Brest, President of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
Paul Brest and his wife met with 6 group members and SRHR NGO representatives to discuss SRHR issues. Marie Stopes, Interact Worldwide and IPPF were represented and co-organisers.

Please find enclosed invitation and thank you letter as appendix 3

June 2004: Joint APPG Pro-Choice and Sexual Health and Population, Development and Reproductive Health meeting – Teenage Pregnancy Strategy
Anne Weinstock CB, Director of Supporting Children and Young People Group, Department for Education and Skills briefed members on the UK Teenage Pregnancy Strategy.

Please find enclosed invitation and minutes of meeting as appendix 4

June 2004: Women’s Labour Party Conference in Birmingham
Christine McCafferty MP, Tony Worthington MP and advisor met with Ms Obaid, UNFPA Executive Director to discuss the forthcoming UK Women’s Labour Party Conference in Birmingham as well as future UK Parliamentary activities.

Please find enclosed Sally Keeble MP and former Under Secretary of State for International Development invitation to Ms Obaid and Ms Obaid’s speech as appendix 5

July 2004: Late Abortion briefing
In response to continued media coverage in the UK in 2004-2005 on late abortions and the Prime Minister’s statement: “that maybe the current Abortion Law should be reviewed as foetus’ can be kept alive at less than 24 weeks gestation now”, Helen Axby, Deputy Chief Director, Marie Stopes International, briefed members on late abortion issues and statistics in support of possible parliamentary debates.

Please find enclosed Helen Axby’s PowerPoint presentation, which was subsequently e-mailed to all group members as appendix 6
Please find enclosed the House Magazine article by bpas in support of current Abortion Act 1967 amended by the HFEA 1990, as well as the Guardian article by Polly Toynbee and Gary Hinsliff as appendix 7

July 2004: ‘To better communication’ campaign - ICPD+10 Bill event
A giant bill was presented by Baroness Helena Kennedy, QC, at 10 Downing Street. The Europe wide campaign event drew public attention to the money owed by Governments of the developed world, with regard to the fulfilment of the promise made in Cairo. Christine McCafferty MP attended the photo shoot.

A press conference followed organised by Marie Stopes International and Interact Worldwide.

Please find enclosed information on the event and invitation to the press conference as appendix 8

Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for International Development and Tim Black, Chief Executive, Marie Stopes International, called attention to the World Population Day, which UNFPA designated the 11th July in 1989, to focus attention on the importance of world population and reproductive health issues.

Hilary Benn MP launched DfID’s newly published Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Position Paper. The event was sponsored by Marie Stopes International and Interact Worldwide. A short film on SRHR was shown at the event.

The reception was attended by MPs including several front bench MPs, Embassy representatives and SRHR and HIV/AIDS NGO representatives.

Please find enclosed invitation, correspondence with DfID and Chair’s introductory remarks as appendix 9

July 2004: Organon laboratories briefing
Christine McCafferty MP was briefed by Andrew Greaves, Communications Manager of Organon laboratories on their work and the UK Teenage Pregnancy, with specific reference to contraceptives.

September 2004: Labour Party Conference Reception – Sex, Pop and International Development
Gareth Thomas MP, Under-Secretary of State for International Development and Frances Kissling, President, Catholics for a Free Choice, spoke at the Labour Party Conference fringe meeting at the Hilton Hotel on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. The event was sponsored by Marie Stopes International and Interact Worldwide.

The meeting was attended by MPs, labour party supporters and SRHR NGO representatives. It was Gareth Thomas’ first meeting with Frances Kissling.

Please find enclosed invitation, communication with DfID and Chairs introductory remarks as appendix 10

October 2004: ‘To better communication’ campaign - candlelit vigil event
Members participated in a photo call outside Westminster to highlight the tragedy of women dying needlessly from pregnancy related causes in the developing world. The campaign commemorated the 10th anniversary of the ICPD PoA. It was a European wide event organised by the ‘To better communication’ EuroNGO group.
An evening reception followed with Dr Yasmjeen Aqzi from Pakistan, Senior Programme Advisor of Packard Foundation-USA and Patricia Hindmarsh, External Relations Director, Marie Stopes International, presenting the latest information on maternal health in the developing world.

Please find enclosed invitation and media coverage as appendix 11

**November 2004: Joint APPG Pro-choice and Sexual Health Group and Population, Development and Reproductive Health meeting on ICPD +10**

Claire Hoffman, Advocacy Manager for IPPF updated members on the forthcoming ICPD PoA 10 year review events. The briefing included information on the UN and the NGO Countdown 2015 event in London and the report cards prepared by Population Action International, showing the progress of individual countries against the ICPD PoA.

Please find enclosed minutes from meeting as appendix 12

**November 2004: PLAN briefing**

Group members were briefed by young people from the Philippines and Uganda about their sexual and reproductive health concerns, which included teenage pregnancies, STIs and HIV/AIDS. Group members found the briefing organised by PLAN very informative and inspiring.

Please find enclosed communications and outline of projects discussed as appendix 13

**March 2005: Millennium Development Goals and Sexual and Reproductive Health briefing**

Stan Bernstein, Senior Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy Advisor, Millennium Project, UN Development Group, briefed members on the work that had been undertaken to integrate Reproductive Health into the Millennium Development Goals. Questions and answers followed.

Please find enclosed Stan Bernstein’s CV, PowerPoint presentation and minutes of meeting as appendix 14


An evening reception was organised to launch the APPG on PD&RH ‘Missing Link’ report. Group members, SRHR and HIV NGOs, DfID, and academics attended the reception. Stan Bernstein, Senior Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy Advisor was the keynote speaker. Questions and answers followed.

Please find enclosed invitation, press release and Chairs introductory words as appendix 15

**March 2005: Population Action International briefing on SRHR/Population funding**

Amy Coen, President of Population Action International and Sally Ethelston briefed members on SRHR/Population funding following PAI’s latest publication: Progress & Promises – Trends in International Assistance for Reproductive Health and Population. Written summary funding briefings were subsequently disseminated to all group members.

Please find enclosed minutes, written briefings forwarded and letter from PAI as appendix 16
Other Briefing Meetings
Committee members and the Parliamentary and Policy Advisor attended 14 other briefing meetings this year.

April 2004: London School of Economics and DfID public debate meeting – AIDS in Africa 2025: three alternative futures
Dr Julia Cleves and Dr Angela Wilkinson, members of the AIDS in Africa 2005 project team and Chair, Professor Tony Barnett, presented results from the major UNAIDS scenario building project completed in partnership with Shell International Limited. Tony Worthington MP and advisor attended presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 17

April 2004: Joint APPG Pro-Choice and Sexual Health and AIDS meeting on UK sexual health
This joint briefing meeting resulted in a written paper being forwarded to the Department of Health on actions to improve people's sexual health in the UK.

Please find enclosed letter sent to the DoH as appendix 18

May 2004: Family Planning Association Annual evening reception
Melanie Johnson MP, Parliamentary-Under Secretary of State for Public Health, was the keynote speaker at the FPA annual reception. Group members attended the reception.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 19

June 2004: APPG on AIDS meeting on AIDS vaccines
Members and advisor attended above briefing meeting on the current state of research and development of potential AIDS vaccines. Speakers included Dr Seth Berkley, President and Chief Executive of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, Deborah Jack, Chief Executive of the National AIDS Trust and Dr Kapil Sibal, Minister of State for Science and Technology for the Indian Government and IAVI Board member.

Please find enclosed invitation and briefing as appendix 20

June 2004: APPG Pro-Life meeting on UK sex education
Members and advisor attended APPG Pro-life briefing meeting on sex education – the challenge. Nick Seaton, Campaign for Real Education, Dr Trevor Stammers, St George's Hospital Medical School, London, Dr Joost Van Loon, Reader in Social Theory, Nottingham Trent University, Dr Richard Barr, Chief Executive, Love for Life, Andrea Minichielo Williams, Barrister, Lawyers' Christian Fellowship and Dennis Wrigley, Leader, The Maranatha Community spoke about the negative impact of sex education in schools in the UK. Advisor spoke to press present and asked them to contact her if they were interested in evidence based information on sex education.

Please find enclosed invitation and briefing provided as appendix 21

July 2004: Joint Progress Educational Trust and House of Commons Science and Technology Committee meeting on Assisted Reproduction and the Law
James Lawford Davies, Epalan, Dr Sue Avery, Birmingham Women's Hospital, Stephen Collier, BMI Healthcare, Simon Fishel, CARE, Dr John Mills, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee and Professor Joy Delhanty, University College London gave presentations on Assisted Reproduction and the Law. Discussions followed amongst MPs, health professionals, researchers, embryologists and patients. Proceedings of the seminar were submitted to the Science and Technology Committee in support of the Inquiry into the regulation of reproductive medicine.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 22
Gareth Thomas MP, Under-Secretary of State for International Development launched the UK HIV Strategy. Members and advisor attended the meeting.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 23

Ms Thoraya Obaid, UNFPA Executive Director launched; The State of the World Population Report 2004: ‘The Cairo Consensus at Ten: Population, Reproductive Health and the Global Effort to End Poverty’. Group members and advisor attended the launch. The Report was subsequently distributed to all group members. The report received good press coverage.

Please find enclosed front cover of report as appendix 24

September 2004: APPG on AIDS briefing meeting on Treatment Action campaign in South Africa
Zachie Achmat of Treatment Action campaign, South Africa briefed MPs on the politics and practicalities of tackling HIV/AIDS in South Africa and globally. Group members and advisor attended the meeting.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 25

November 2004: APPG on AIDS and Inter-Parliamentary Union meeting for Russian Parliamentarians
Christine McCafferty MP and advisor joined Neil Gerrard MP and Chair of APPG on AIDS at this evening reception for Russian Parliamentarians to discuss SRHR and HIV/AIDS issues.

December 2004: APPG on AIDS meeting on World AIDS Day: Setting the Agenda for the G8 and EU Presidencies
Gareth Thomas MP, Under-Secretary of State for International Development spoke at the World AIDS Day meeting on the role of the UK in the upcoming G8 and EU Presidencies. Members and advisor attended the meeting.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 26

December 2004: World AIDS Day media campaign reception
The World AIDS Day media campaign and reception was organised by Interact Worldwide and Marie Stopes International to raise funds to tackle the HIV/AIDS pandemic in the developing world. The project was supported by US fashion designer, Kenneth Cole and human rights activist, Bianca Jagger. Christine McCafferty MP attending the fund raising event.

Please find enclosed information of the event as appendix 27

January 2005: APPG Pro-choice and Sexual Health meeting- A review of the evidence of late abortions
Group members and advisor attended this Pro-choice forum briefing meeting on a review of the evidence of late abortions. Discussions and questions followed presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 28

February 2005: Overseas Development Institute meeting -The Millennium Development Goals: The 2005 Agenda
Ms Obaid, UNFPA Executive Director and John Cleland, Professor of Medical Demography, LSHTM spoke about Demography, HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Health:
implications for the achievement of the MDGs. Group members and advisor attended the meeting. Advisor met with a Sunday Times reporter who requested various information on population and SRHR which was subsequently forwarded.

*Please find enclosed invitation, Ms Obaid’s presentation and correspondence and briefing forwarded to the Sunday Times reporter as appendix 29*

**European Meetings**

*Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development*

The close collaboration between the UK APPG on PD&RH and the IEPFPD and its members continue.

Many enquiries and requests for information from other APPG on PD&RH secretariats have been dealt with via e-mail either directly or via the IEPFPD. Many requests for information have been referred to the UK APPG on PD&RH website.

**April 2004: IEPFPD AGM**

In April 2004 Baroness Thomas and advisor attended the fourth IEPFPD Annual General Meeting in Ankara, Turkey. Various SRHR issues were presented and discussed at the conference. The IEPFPD Executive Committee considered the future status of the IEPFPD Secretariat, it was decided that the IEPFPD should become independent of IPPF.

At the AGM, Baroness Thomas presented the APPG on PD&RH annual activities and summarised the day’s events and discussions.

*Please find enclosed Press Release on the AGM and Baroness Thomas briefing notes on the group’s annual activities and the IEPFPD closing statement as appendix 30*

**December 2004: IEPFPD Secretariats meeting**

Advisor attended the IEPFPD secretariats meeting in Brussels. Presentations and discussions took place on the ICPD+10 parliamentary events as well as specific parliamentary advocacy work.

*Please find enclosed agenda as appendix 31*


*Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 32*

**EuroNGO**

On behalf of the group, advisor attended the EuroNGO Annual meeting in Brussels, Belgium, February 2005. The meeting was hosted by Sensoa.

*Please find enclosed agenda for meeting as appendix 33*

The two big European-wide events planned for 2004, namely the ICPD+10 Bill event in July 2004 and the candle-lit event to commemorate the many women dying in childbirth around the world in October 2004, were prepared at the EuroNGO meeting.

*Please find enclosed the ‘To better communication’ report submitted to UNFPA as appendix 34*

On the second day of the EuroNGO meeting, presentations and discussion were dedicated to the MDG’s review, also called the World Summit conference in September 2005. Advisor made contact with Stan Bernstein, Senior Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy Advisor, Millennium Project, UN Development Group. He agreed to brief UK MPs on progress on the MDGs and SRHR the following month.
Please find enclosed the EuroNGO’s concluding statement 35

Council of Europe
Christine McCafferty MP remains a member of the Social Health and Family Committee in the Council of Europe (CoE). Advisor has been in regular contact with the CoE secretariat and the IEPFPD to coordinate and support Christine McCafferty MP and other MPs activities on SRHR in the CoE.

European Strategy for the Promotion of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
Christine McCafferty MP presented the draft European SRHR Strategy to the Parliamentary Assembly of the CoE in June 2004. The SRHR strategy was adopted by the CoE Assembly in October 2004. This report can be seen as the CoE’s contribution to the 10th Anniversary of the ICPD PoA. A small conservative group CARE tried to influence the report by urging parliamentarians to refer the report back to committee, on the grounds that sexual and reproductive health are not relevant in a Europe with ‘declining birth rates’. The IEPFPD with support from the UK APPG contacted parliamentarians and provided them with briefings on CARE and its previous radical positions on these issues.

Please find enclosed briefing for debates at the CoE on SRHR in Europe as well as briefing note and briefing on CARE and the full CoE SRHR Report as appendix 36

European Strategy on HIV/AIDS
Christine McCafferty MP presented the first outline of a European HIV/AIDS Strategy to the CoE in 2004. In 2005 she has been busy preparing the strategy. Meetings and study tours were planned for Georgia and Russia. Unfortunately, the Georgia trip was unsuccessful due to flight delays. The Russia study did go ahead later in the year.

The group signed up to the International Parliamentarians’ Petition for Democratic Oversight of IMF and World Bank Policies.

Please find enclosed petition as appendix 37

Study Tours
Slovakia
In January 2005 Christine McCafferty MP was informed that Slovakia was about to sign a Treaty on the Right to Exercise the Objection of Conscience with the Holy See. As Christine McCafferty MP had met with the Ambassador of Slovakia in the UK prior to her study tour to Slovakia in April 2003, a letter of concern was prepared and forwarded.

A reassuring reply was received stating that: “The Treaty had not become effective and that Frantisek Dlhopolcek, Ambassador of Slovakia in the UK, would communicate to the Government of the Slovak Republic chairs concern and take all due effort to ensure that the issue is dealt with on a high political level”.

Please find enclosed correspondence as appendix 38

China
Christine McCafferty MP and Baroness Flather visited FP/RH programmes sites in Hubei Province, China with Chinese officials and other participants following the China International Forum on Population and Development meeting in September 2004.

On behalf of the group, Christine McCafferty MP signed the Catholics for a Free Choice campaign letter to President Hu Jintao to register concern about credible charges of human rights violations against Ms Mao Hengfeng and called for further efforts to eliminate coercive practices in China family planning programmes.
Advisor has been in close contact with SRHR NGOs this year to discuss future study tour for MPs that joined the group after the election.

**General Written Briefings**
Committee and group members have received UNFPA’s Global Population Policy and Opposition updates regularly throughout the year. Furthermore, 17 written SRHR briefings have been disseminated to members on up to date SRHR issues.

**April 2004:** All APPG on PD&RH members received Population Action International’s summary briefing on: The Security Demographic: Population and Civil Conflict after the Cold War.

*Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 40*

**May 2004:** All APPG PD&RH members received a general newsletter briefing on SRHR funding, policy and programme issues.

*Please find APPG PD&RH newsletter enclosed as appendix 41*

**May 2004:** Members were forwarded briefing information on the Silver Ring abstinence only initiative in the UK in response to increased anti-choice and abstinence only campaigns in the UK.

*Please find enclosed briefings forwarded and articles from the Guardian on UK sexual health as appendix 42*

**May 2004:** All APPG on PD&RH members were forwarded DfID’s Reproductive Health background paper prepared by John Snow International.

*Please find a copy of front page and content page as appendix 43*

**June 2004:** All APPG on PD&RH members were forwarded a summary report on DfID’s policy and support for Reproductive Health Supplies, prepared by Interact Worldwide

*Please find a copy of report as appendix 44*

**July 2004:** All APPG on PD&RH members received a copy of DfID’s newly published Sexual and Reproductive Health and Right Position Paper.

On the date of the publication launch, Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for International Development announced increased funding for UNFPA and IPPF.

*Please find enclosed copy of front and content page of publication and covering letter as appendix 45*

**August 2004:** Conservative members was forwarded an article on young people and relationship and sexual health education, to lobby their conservative colleagues in response to proposed new UK policies on sexual health services, by shadow health secretary Andrew Lansley MP.

*Please find enclosed article on new policies and correspondence as appendix 46*
September 2004: All APPG on PD&RH members received a UNFPA world population day poster, reminding members that 2004 is the 10th anniversary of the ICPD PoA.

Please find enclosed a copy of the covering letter as appendix 47

October 2004: All APPG on PD&RH members received a copy of DfID’s new strategy: Reducing maternal deaths: Evidence and action and a briefing on the UK Network on Sexual & Reproductive Health.

Please find enclosed front cover of DfID publication, a copy of the Network briefing and the covering letter as appendix 48

October 2004: APPG on PD&RH committee members were forwarded commentary by Jonathan Fanton, President, MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, USA on population and development.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 49

November 2004: All APPG on PD&RH members were forwarded the UN Millennium Development Goals: Progress Report – wall chart.

Please find enclosed a copy as appendix 50

November 2004: George Foulkes MP was forwarded a briefing on Women’s Rights, Beijing and ICPD+10, in support of his participation and presentation at the Socialist International Council meeting in Johannesburg in November 2004. George Foulkes MP is the Prime Minister’s UK representative on the Executive of the Socialist International.

Please find enclosed agenda as appendix 51

November 2004: Dr Jenny Tonge MP was forwarded a briefing on the Optimum Population Trust as requested.

Please find enclosed info as requested as appendix 52

December 2004: Select members of the APPG on PD&RH were forwarded information on President Bush’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Please find enclosed briefing info as appendix 53

December 2004: All APPG on PD&RH members were forwarded the Strasbourg Statement of Commitment, October 2004.

Please find enclosed covering letter and statement as appendix 54


Please find enclosed summary of publication as appendix 55

January 2005: All APPG on PD&RH committee members were forwarded Population, Reproductive Health and the Millennium Project summary of population & sexual and reproductive health recommendations and briefing on MDGs and Reproductive Health.

Please find enclosed summary briefings as appendix 56
General Correspondence
Committee members and advisor have held both formal and informal meetings and corresponded regularly throughout the year with a variety of both national and international SRHR and HIV/AIDS stakeholders and press people including:

Department for International Development officials, MPs, Ministers, UN officials, national, regional and international APPGs secretariats and MPs, Trust Funds, Foundations, academic staff and national and independent journalists.

Regular discussions and meetings have taken place with staff from IPPF, MSI, Interact Worldwide, FORWARD, Agency for Culture and Change Management, APPG AIDS, APPG Pro-Choice and Sexual Health, APPG International Development, PGA, UNFPA, WHO, IEPFPD, AFPPD, Population Action International, CoE, LSHTM and CFFC.

Advisor has met regularly throughout the year with SRHR NGO representatives and the chair of the UK SRHR NGO network to discuss SRHR NGO input into the work of the APPG on PD&RH.

Christine McCafferty MP and advisor have also met with students preparing their dissertations and PhD’s on SRHR issues.

Furthermore Chair and advisor spent time briefing external SRHR consultants on UK parliamentary opposition work.

Please find enclosed questions posed by IPPF consultant as appendix 57

On behalf of the group, the advisor completed a survey on the proposal to increase the contribution that can be made by Parliamentarians to work in Africa.

Please find enclosed completed survey as appendix 58

Richard Ottaway MP, Vice-Chairman, as an individual MP, wrote to Ms Obaid, UNFPA Executive Director, to raise his concern about world population growth falling off the political agenda.

Please find enclosed correspondence between Richard Ottaway MP and Ms Obaid, UNFPA Executive Director as appendix 59

Please find enclosed articles in The Sunday Times in December referring to interview with committee member Baroness Flather also making reference to bigger families and poverty as appendix 60

Also find enclosed the Times December article on population growth and resource depletion as appendix 61

Many general inquiries have been dealt with by referring people to the group’s website.

The average monthly hit rate was 4000, which means that the group’s website had 48000 hits between April 2004 and March 2005.
Parliamentary Statements, Debates, Questions and Early Day Motions
Below are statements, debates, PQs and EDMs of particular interest to the group. Briefings were prepared by advisor for debates and PQs upon request.

House of Commons
Statements
July 2004: DfID’s Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Position Paper
Hilary Benn MP, SS for ID statement on DfID’s SRHR position paper.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 62

Debates
June 2004: AIDS (Africa) Debate
Tony Worthington MP and Hugh Bayley MP participated in this debate. Tony Worthington MP made reference to the importance of linking SRHR and HIV/AIDS.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 63

September 2004: HIV/AIDS (Developing World) Debate
Neil Gerrard MP and Hugh Bayley MP participated in this debate

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 64

January 2005: NICE infertility Guidelines Debate
Kevin Barron MP secured a debate on NICE infertility guidelines. He raised concerns about the number of couples experiencing infertility in the UK, 1/7 couples. 80% have private treatment due to lack of funding. The Government has promised by April 2005 that all Primary Care Trusts should offer at least one full cycle of treatment, to all those eligible.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 65

March 2005: The UK and Africa Debate
Tony Worthington MP participated in this debate and made reference to the linkages between SRHR and HIV/AIDS. Hugh Bayley MP and Tony Colman MP also participated.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 66

Oral PQs
July 2004: Prime Minister’s Question: Abortion
The Prime Minister made reference to late abortions. He said that: “if the scientific evidence has shifted [in regards to foetal survival], it would be sensible to take that into account” (in possible future debates).

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 67

July 2004: Chancellor of the Exchequer Question: Spending Review
Christine McCafferty MP congratulated the Chancellor on increasing overseas development aid and made reference to the importance of increasing funding to SRHR and HIV/AIDS to combat poverty. A general response was received with reference to increased spending on health in general.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 68
July 2004: Secretary of State for International Development Question: DfID’s SRHR position paper
Christine McCafferty MP drew question no 8 and received a written response on DfID’s new SRHR Position Paper.

Please find enclosed Hansard and briefing prepared as appendix 69

November 2004: Secretary of State for International Development Question: Medical Training
Tony Worthington MP made reference to staff shortages in health systems and ‘brain drain’. Hilary Benn MP outlined some support DfID has provided to combat staff shortage in developing countries.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 70

November 2004: Chancellor of the Exchequer Question: International Development – MDGs
Christine McCafferty MP made reference to the importance of ensuring access to SRHR to achieve the MDGs. The Treasurer referred to talks with Hilary Benn MP, SS for ID and spending on SRHR.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 71

December 2004: Chancellor of the Exchequer Question: Maternity Leave and child care
Christine McCafferty MP congratulated the Chancellor of the Exchequer on his investment in families in the UK.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 72

March 2005: Secretary of State for International Development Question: MDGs
Christine McCafferty MP drew question no 3 and made reference to a 9th MDG on SRHR. Hilary Benn MP, SS for ID congratulated chair for the APPG on PD&RH’s Hearing Report: ‘The missing link’. Dr Jenny Tonge MP followed up with a question relating to President Bush’s decision not to release funding to UNFPA.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 73

Written PQs
March 2004: Sexual Health Services Question
Dr Jenny Tonge MP asked a question on UK sexual health services.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 74

July 2004: Infrastructure and antiretroviral drugs Question
Dr Jenny Tonge MP asked a question on infrastructures in developing countries and antiretroviral drugs.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 75

Early Day Motions
EDM 806 - LINKING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS
Christine McCafferty MP
69 signatures

That this House welcomes the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health’s Report: Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS; notes that stronger linkages between sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS are needed in order to combat HIV/AIDS and to improve maternal and child health; and recognises that taking action on one will also help to tackle the other.
EDM 1722 - INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS
Christine McCafferty MP
64 signatures

That this House welcomes the official United Nations day marking the 10th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (1994); acknowledges the important emphasis the Government has placed on sexual and reproductive health and rights as the cornerstone for international efforts to tackle global poverty; and urges the Government to continue to take a leading role internationally in maintaining and increasing support for these issues.

EDM 1444 - WORLD POPULATION DAY
Tony Worthington MP
41 signatures

That this House calls attention to the World Population Day on 11th July; commends the United Nations’ Population Fund (UNFPA) for designating this date in 1989 to focus attention on the importance of world population and reproductive health issues; endorses the concepts of sexual and reproductive health and rights as enshrined in the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development’s Programme of Action; congratulates the Government on its newly published sexual and reproductive health position paper; and calls upon the Government to increase funding to sexual and reproductive health and rights organisations such as UNFPA, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Marie Stopes International, Interact Worldwide and reproductive bilateral aid for individuals and couples to realise their sexual and reproductive health and rights.

EDM 421 - COUNCIL OF EUROPE DRAFT CONVENTION ON ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS
Tony Lloyd MP
87 signatures

That this House welcomes the Council of Europe's initiative to draft a Convention on action against Trafficking in Human Beings, as this will be the first international treaty which sets out States' obligations to respect and protect the rights of trafficked people; strongly urges all governments to support the measures in the Convention to provide trafficked people with advice, emergency medical and material assistance and a reflection period sufficient to allow them to recover and make an informed decision about their future, including cooperation with prosecution efforts; is extremely concerned by proposals which would give EU legislation precedence over the Convention, and that would allow states to make reservations to the Convention, and that seek to limit the mandate of the treaty monitoring body preventing necessary activities such as country visits; and urges the UK Government strenuously to resist these proposals and others which would weaken the assistance and protection provisions of the Convention and go against its stated aim of developing an international standard which improves on the protection currently afforded to trafficked people.

House of Lords

Statements
July 2004: DfID’s Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Position Paper
Baroness Amos referred to Hilary Benn MP, SS for ID’s written statement on DfID’s newly published SRHR Position Paper

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 76

Debates
June 2004: DfID’s Annual Report Debate
Baroness Flather, Baroness Northover, and Lord Chan participated in this debate.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 77
June 2004: Healthcare and Public Health Debate
Lord Patel, Baroness Massey, Baroness Gould, Lord Chan and Lord Rea participated in this debate.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 78

January 2005: Poverty in Developing Countries Debate
Baroness Flather, Lord Rea and Baroness Northover participated in the above debate. Reference was made to a 9th MDGs on SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing and Hansard as appendix 79

February 2005: UN and Conflict in Africa Debate
Viscount Craigavon and Lord Patel participated in this debate.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 80

March 2005: Commission for Africa Debate
Baroness Northover participated in this debate.

Please find enclosed Hansard and briefing as appendix 81

March 2005: World Conference for Women Debate
Baroness Gould, Baroness Massey and Baroness Thomas participated in this debate.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 82

Oral PQs
July 2004: HIV/AIDS Question
Viscount Craigavon, Lord Chan and Baroness Northover participated in this debate. Viscount Craigavon made reference to linking SRHR and HIV/AIDS services and the MDGs.

Please find enclosed briefing and Hansard as appendix 83

July 2004: Abortion Question
Baroness Lockwood made reference to the need for improving abortion services in this debate.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 84

July 2004: HIV/AIDS Question
Baroness Northover participated in this debate.

Please find enclosed briefing and supplementary questions prepared and Hansard as appendix 85

November 2004: Government White Paper (Health) Question
Baroness Gould participated in this debate.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 86

November 2004: Teenage Pregnancy Question
Baroness Lockwood, Lord Patel and Baroness Massey participated in this debate.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 87
December 2004: AIDS Question
Baroness Northover participated in this debate.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 88

February 2005: HIV/AIDS Question
Baroness Northover and Lord Rea participated in this debate.

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 89

March 2005: STD Question
Lord Chan participated in this debate

Please find enclosed Hansard as appendix 90

All Statements, Debates, PQs and EDMs are accessible on the group’s website.

Meetings and Correspondence with DfID
The APPG on PD&RH members have been in regular contact with DfID Ministers throughout the year and advisor held several meetings with DfID civil servants to discuss group and DfID’s work plan and priorities. Discussions particularly revolved around the MDG review and ICPD +10 events and conferences.

March 2005: Gareth Thomas MP, Under-Secretary of State for International Development briefing meeting with the APPG on PD&RH
Gareth Thomas, Under-Secretary of State for International Development and DfID civil servants briefed members and SRHR and HIV/AIDS NGO representatives on DfID’s position on SRHR and HIV/AIDS for the MDG review and the UK’s G8 and EU Presidency. Questions and answers followed.

Please find enclosed correspondence and Gareth Thomas MP, USS for ID’s presentation and minutes of meeting as appendix 91

June 2004: DfID’s Annual Report 2004
DfID’s 2004 annual report was presented to the DfID Select Committee in June 2004. The report made reference to the fact that DfID’s work on HIV/AIDS and on SRH is about introducing the linkages between SRH and HIV/AIDS on the one hand, but also recognising that there is a distinct agenda on SRH which is not subsumed within the HIV/AIDS agenda. The report also made reference to US adopting an ABC approach and criticism by MSI and Interact Worldwide that DfID is increasing its focus on HIV/AIDS and treatment rather than on the broader SRHR and prevention.

Please find enclosed summary info on SRHR in annual report as appendix 92

In response to DfID’s annual report Tony Worthington MP, Treasurer of the APPG on PD&RH and a member of DfID Select Committee, questioned DfID advisors on how they were going to cope with the increased incidence of HIV/AIDS, especially in Europe and Central Asia. He reiterated the fact that prevention should be DfID’s priority in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Please find enclosed minutes from meeting as appendix 93

DfID’s response to Tony Worthington MP reiterated the fact that accountability is important when tackling SRHR and HIV/AIDS, however work must be driven by realities on the ground rather than by a desire for a clear audit trail.

Please find enclosed DfID’s response as appendix 94
Funding to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights/Population and HIV/AIDS

DFID remains very supportive of SRHR and funding continues to increase. UNFPA is now receiving £18 million per annum and IPPF funding has increased from £4.5 million to £6 million per annum. UK also continues to be supportive of microbicide and HIV vaccine research.

Please find enclosed article in The Guardian March 2004 on funding and DFID press release as well as a comment by SS for ID about UK support to Microbicides as appendix 95

**Bilateral Aid by Sector: -Reproductive Health**

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**Bilateral Aid by Sector: -Multisectoral Responses to HIV/AIDS**

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**Figure 7 Provisional Net ODA from DAC Donors to Developing Countries 2004**

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Figure 6  Net ODA/GNI Ratios for the UK 1970-2004

Figure 8  Provisional Net ODA/GNI Ratios for DAC Donors 2004

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In July 2004 President Bush once again blocked the US congressional approved $34 million to UNFPA.

Chair sent letters to the New York Times editor and UK newspaper editors, sharing her concern about the US administration’s decision not to release funding to UNFPA because of the Fund’s alleged involvement in coercive abortions in China. The UK parliamentary group that visited China in April 2002 investigated these allegations, and found them to be groundless.

*Please find enclosed letter/articles sent as appendix 96*

*Please find enclosed an article in the House Magazine by MSI on RH and funding as appendix 97*

### National and International Conferences

**June 2004: ECLAC ICPD+10 Conference, Puerto Rico**

The UK has ECOSOC status and is a member of the UN Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean.

In response to the US Administration and some right-wing Islamic countries’ anti-choice agenda, European APPGs on Population and Development were mobilised to brief and lobby national Government Ministers on ensuring recommitment to the ICPD PoA at the ECLAC conferences in March and June 2004.

Group members corresponded with Hilary Benn MP, SS for ID and DfID advisors before, during and after the ECLAC meetings. Favourable replies were received including the possibility of Christine McCafferty MP being on the Government delegation at the conferences.

*Please find enclosed letter sent and replies received as appendix 98*

Although the UK Government retracted on the possibility of Christine McCafferty MP being on the Government delegation, Chair and advisor attended the Puerto Rico conference in June. Close collaboration with the UK and other country delegates ensured that a strong statement was read out at the conference in supportive of the ICPD PoA. It was first read out by the UK and later by a coalition of like minded states.

*Please find enclosed UK statement at the Puerto Rico meeting as appendix 99*

The combined effort amongst NGOs, APPGs and Government delegations was crucial in ensuring that the Cairo PoA was not modified by the US administration.

*Please find enclosed UNFPA Press Release on Santiago conference as appendix 100*

At the conference Christine McCafferty MP together with other members of the Inter-American Parliamentary Group and the Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development attended a special press luncheon organised by the Communications Consortium Media Centre.

*Please find enclosed invitation for the press lunch as appendix 101*

**August 2004: SRHR NGO ICPD+10 Conference - Countdown to 2015, London, UK**

Christine McCafferty MP, Tony Worthington MP and Viscount Craigavon participated in the SRHR NGO ICPD+10 conference in London. The Countdown 2015 initiative was a partnership of civil society organisations dedicated to improving sexual and reproductive health and rights worldwide.
Launched by Family Care International, the International Planned Parenthood Federation and Population Action International, the initiative worked to reinvigorate commitment to the 20-year goals of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and to measure global progress toward those goals.

Countdown 2015 set clear priorities, recruited new allies and focused on the critical role of young people in order to bring real change to people’s lives. It aimed to achieve universal access to a package of basic reproductive health services and for specific measures to foster human development, with particular attention to women.

The ICPD at Ten: Where are we now report card analysed the progress made over the last 10 years. It provided data on 133 countries showing where they stand on a range of indicators that are ICPD goals and Millennium Development Goals.

Resources are available on below link:


Tony Worthington MP chaired the side event on mainstreaming HIV/AIDS into SRHR and presented the groups hearing report.

The conference had good media coverage.

At the conference the APPG on PD&RH also co-organised two side events. One event was co-organised with DfID to launch their newly published strategy on Reducing maternal deaths: Evidence and action.

The other side event was a briefing meeting on Global Leadership in Meeting the MDGs – securing Reproductive Health Supplies. The event was co-organised with the regional parliamentary groups on Population and Development and sponsored by the United Nations Foundations. Key note speakers were Timothy E. Wirth, President, UN Foundation, Elizabeth Laura Lule, World Bank, Ms Obaid, Executive Director UNFPA, Dr Steven Sinding, Director General, IPPF and Amy Coen, President, PAI.

September 2004: International Forum on Population and Development, Implementation of ICPD PoA and MDGs, Wuhan in Hubei province, China

Christine McCafferty MP and Baroness Flather attended the International Forum on Population and Development, Implementation of ICPD PoA and MDGs conference in China. Christine McCafferty MP chaired a session on Reproductive Health and Family Planning and gave a presentation on family planning.
Following the meeting, participants went on a two day SRHR study tour to villages in Yichang province.

**October 2004: International Parliamentary Conference, Strasbourg, Belgium**
Christine McCafferty MP, Tony Worthington MP, Baroness Flather and advisor attended the 2004 International Parliamentarians’ Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD PoA.

Please find enclosed agenda as appendix 108

Tony Worthington MP presented the group’s hearing report on linking SRHR and HIV/AIDS.

Gareth Thomas MP, Under-Secretary of State for International Development, spoke about UK’s support to SRHR and HIV/AIDS.

Please find enclosed Gareth Thomas MP, USS for ID’s presentation, Strasbourg declaration and press release and general correspondence as appendix 109

**March - April 2005: Medical Parliamentarians Conference, Dublin, Ireland**
Lord Rea attended the IEPFPD medical parliamentary conference in Dublin. He was briefed on a number of priority health issues in Europe including: state of health in Europe, sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV/AIDS, infertility, smoking and the global health burden.

Please find enclosed invitation and agenda as appendix 110

**5 year review of the Millennium Development Goals**
In preparation for the MDG summit, the group prepared PQs, participated in parliamentary debates and advocated for a 9th MDG on SRHR both nationally and internationally.

A letter was sent to the Secretary General Kofi Annan and the UK Mission to the UN in New York in February 2005, referring to the importance of ensuring a stronger commitment on reproductive health in the attainment of the MDGs at the forthcoming summit. Both letters received positive responses.

The Chief of the Cabinet, UN Secretary General office said:
“We are convinced that universal access to reproductive health is indeed critical to achieving the MDGs”

The UK mission to the UN said:
“The EU recognises that the MDGs cannot be attained without progress in achieving the Cairo goal of universal sexual and reproductive health and rights.”

Please find enclosed correspondence as appendix 111

Christine McCafferty MP also corresponded with the IPU to gain support for an IPU side event at the World Summit.

Please find correspondence with IPU as appendix 112

A meeting was organised between the Civil Society and the UN in New York in June 2005 in preparation for the MDG summit. Correspondence took place with regards to
Christine McCafferty MP speaking at the event on behalf of the UK SRHR Network. Unfortunately, dates clashed with other important parliamentary events.

MSI prepared an article for the House Magazine in January on the importance of ensuring access to Reproductive Health services in order to reduce MMR the 8th MDG.

*Please find enclosed the article as appendix 113*

**Support to other Countries’ APPGs on PD&RH**
The group continue to exchange information and support the establishment of other APPGs.

**Spanish APPG on PD&RH**
Tony Worthington MP and advisor travelled to Madrid to present the group’s hearing report to the Spanish parliamentary group meeting, in March 2004.

*Please find enclosed agenda and PowerPoint presentation as appendix 114*

**APPG on PD&RH Hearings**
**Linking SRHR and HIV/AIDS - 2004**
In April 2004 the group held parliamentary hearings on Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS.

The goal of the hearings was to stimulate political debate and action on the issue of Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS policies, programmes and services. Expert witnesses provided written and oral evidence on Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS.
The hearing report was launched at the second Parliamentary Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD PoA in Strasbourg in October 2004 and in the UK Parliament in March 2005.

Reports were widely disseminated and hand delivered by Christine McCafferty MP to the Prime Minister, Tony Blair MP and Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for International Development.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Executive Summary and Recommendation Hearing Report as appendix 115

Distribution list included over 100 MPs at the Strasbourg conference, UK Ministers and relevant government departments, the Africa Commission, DFID select committee, PNoWB, relevant EU departments, relevant UN organisations, all APPG on PD&RH and APPG on AIDS members, international SRHR organisations, national development agencies, hearing survey participants and witnesses, regional APPGs, UK SRHR Network members, UK HIV/AIDS Consortium members, Population and Sustainability Network, expert witnesses, national FPAs and relevant authorities, RCN, RCM and RCOG and other relevant national health authorities.

Please find enclosed thank you letter from the Prime Minister’s office for report and letter from Hilary Benn MP, SS for ID informing the group that DFID will distribute its HIV and SRHR publications together as appendix 116

The AFPPD made reference to the hearing in their May-June 2004 Newsletter.

The group’s hearing has been very successful. DFID publications in 2004 on SRHR and HIV (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: A Position Paper, July 2004; Taking Action: The UK's strategy for tackling HIV and AIDS in the developing world, July 2004; HIV and AIDS treatment and care policy, July 2004; Reducing maternal deaths: Evidence and action, September 2004; Talking about health, sex and pregnancy, July 2004 (summary report)) all make strong reference to the linkages. UK Ministers have also made reference to the linkages in public speeches and in DFID press releases.

Hilary Benn MP and Secretary of State for International Development said:

“Sexual and Reproductive Health and AIDS are inextricably linked. By taking action on one, we know we are also helping to tackle the other.
Far too many poor women in developing countries live with painful, disabling and hidden injuries or illness because they are denied their rights to Sexual and Reproductive Health. 529,000 women die each year from pregnancy and childbirth related illnesses. Last year over 1 million women died of AIDS. In sub-Saharan Africa
teenage girls are five times more likely to contract HIV than teenage boys. This announcement of £80m over the next four years for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), coupled with the commitments in DfID’s Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights paper, will contribute to more effective HIV prevention work among young people and women, as well as improved access to and use of male and female condoms and better integration of Sexual and Reproductive Health services and AIDS programmes."

Source: Guardian Article, July 7th 2004.

FGM – FGM Act 2003
The group continue to following up on the FGM Hearings in 2001 in response to the new FGM Act 2003.

The Agency for Culture and Change Management organised three FGM conferences in Birmingham, Cardiff and in London between May - June 2004. The aim of the conferences were to train social, health and education workers as well as police and other interested people about FGM and its social and health implications for practitioners and promote the new FGM Act 2003.

Christine McCafferty MP chaired and spoke at the meeting in London on 13th May 2004.

Please find enclosed agenda and correspondence as appendix 117


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APPG PD&RH PUBLICATIONS

Activity Reports

Hearings/Surveys/Reports
European Agenda for Action on World Population

The Well-Spent Pound - an assessment of AID Agency priorities for population activities
NGO Review 1993

Women's Rights and Sexual Health
Report of Consultations held with agencies involved in women's issues, 1995

Implementing the Cairo ICPD 1994 Programme of Population, Reproductive Health and Development
European Parliamentary Forum for Action Report, Brussels 1995


Development Strategies for the 21st Century: the South-South Partnership in Population and Development
Report of the Parliamentary Hearing March 1997

Taking Young People Seriously: Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health for the Next Generation
Report of the Parliamentary Hearings held on 6 and 13 May 1998

Female Genital Mutilation
Report of Parliamentary Hearing and Survey on FGM, May 2000
‘The Missing Link’

Executive Summary and Recommendations, Main Report and CD-Rom of Parliamentary Hearings on Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, October 2004
ACRONYMS

ACCM – Agency for Culture and Change Management
ACPD – Action Canada for Population and Development
AGM – Annual General Meeting
AIDS – Auto-Immune Deficiency Syndrome
APFPD – Asian Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development
APPG – All Party Parliamentary Group
APPG on PD&RH – All Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health
BMI – BMI Private Healthcare
BPAS - British Pregnancy Advisory Service
C – Conservative
CARE – Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
CCMC – Communications Consortium Media Centre
CFFC – Catholics for a Free Choice
CfE – Council of Europe
DID – Department for International Development
DoH - Department of Health
ECLAC – Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean
ECOSOC – The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
EDM – Early Day Motions
EU – European Union
EuroNGO – European Non Governmental Organisations
FGM – Female Genital Mutilation
Forward – Foundation for Women’s Health, Research and Development
FP - Family Planning
FPA – Family Planning Association
GNP – Gross National Product
HIV – Human Immune Virus
HoC – House of Commons
HoL – House of Lords
IAVI - International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
ICPD PoA – International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action
IEPFPD – Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development
IPPF – International Planned Parenthood Federation
IPU - Inter Parliamentary Union
L – Labour
LD – Liberal Democrat
LSHTM – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
MDGs – Millennium Development Goals
MP – Member of Parliament
MSI - Marie Stopes International
NGO – Non Governmental Organisation
ODA – Overseas Development AID
PAI - Population Action International
PGA – Parliamentarian for Global Action
PNoWB – Parliamentary Network on the World Bank
PoA – Programme of Action
PQ – Parliamentary Question
QC - Queens Council
RCN - Royal College of Nursing
RCM - Royal College of Midwives
RH – Reproductive Health
SENSOA - Belgium Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and HIV/AIDS NGO
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