

Your Excellency, Mister Chairp, Dear all present!

I would like to thank you for your work and for the opportunity to speak.

I wish I spoke here today about the achievements of my powerful country in the field of reproductive health, increase in birth rate and decrease in mortality. But because of the war that Russia is conducting in my country, I have to talk about the challenges we face now. I have to tell you how the war catastrophically affects reproductive health.

First, it is the MENTAL health of a woman. The intense stress experienced during war or in captivity, women's prolonged stay in unsuitable wet and cold rooms, bomb shelters and basements - exhausts them physically, psychologically and emotionally, and undermine their reproductive health.

Secondly, HEALTH of men. Men's reproductive health is also suffering. Men are injured and sometimes, even if a man survives, he loses the ability to have children. Men are also subjected to sexual violence in captivity.

Thirdly, DEATH. Women, men and children are dying from the bombing.

At the same time, being aware of these threats, we do not stop fighting for our freedom.

Under these conditions, we in Ukraine are implementing a set of priority measures to preserve the reproductive health of the population, in particular in the following main areas

- prevention of maternal and newborn mortality;
- development of assisting reproductive technologies;
- modernisation of approaches to family planning and preservation of the reproductive health of young people;
- equal access to reproductive health services for all, including disabled women.

And finally, about our future, despite the war - more than 190,000 babies were born in Ukraine during the war!

Thank you for your attention! I wish you all good health and peace!