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Launch of the UN inter-agency report on  
**“Millennium Development Goals: Towards the achievement of the right to health in  
Latin America and the Caribbean” (UN 2008)**

**WHO:**

First Lady of Peru, H. E. Mrs. Pilar Nores de García,  
Minister of Plan of Chile, H.E. Paola Quintana  
Regional Directors and Executive Secretary from ECLAC Alicia Barcena, UNDP  
Rebeca Grynspan, UNICEF Nils Kastberg, UNFPA Marcela Suazo, WFP Pedro  
Medrano, ILO Jean Maninat, PAHO Socorro Gross and other senior UN staff  
The Permanent Representative of Mexico, *Amb. Claude Heller* (Host, as President  
Pro-Tempore of the Group of Rio) and other Permanent Representatives

**WHERE:** Conference Room 2, UN Secretariat

**WHEN:** Tuesday, 24 September 2008 3-5pm

**WHAT:** Presentation of the UN inter-agency report on health MDGs in Latin America and the Caribbean by Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC and Rebeca Grynspan, Associate Administrator, Regional Director, UNDP as Chair of the Regional Directors Team. Presentations by the First Lady, Peru and Minister of Plan Chile. The Report provides an overview on progress and issues in achieving the right to health in the region and recommends policy needed to achieve it. In particular it reviews progress achieving child mortality (MDG4), maternal health (5), HIV/AIDS, malaria & other diseases (6) as well as illustrates the linkages to issues related to extreme poverty & hunger (1) and environment (7). The findings and recommendations in the report will serve as a basis for action, namely, to develop integrated health policies linked to policies in education, nutrition, income and basic social services, among others and commit to guaranteed coverage and universal access to health services. The UN and Governments will also agree to strive to create an environment for economic growth and better distribution of the fruits of development which directly affect achievement of the health MDGs.

The full Report can be found at the following web address: <http://www.eclac.cl>.

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