

Launch of the WHO report
"Women and health: today's evidence tomorrow's agenda"
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Statement by the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Austria supports the efforts of the World Health Organization and congratulates the Organization on the presentation of the report "Women and health: today's evidence tomorrow's agenda." This report outlines and underlines the particular needs of women throughout their lives and their contributions to the health of societies.

This WHO report is a major step towards improving the health of girls and women. Mental health, female genital mutilation (FGM), women's health and migration, eating disorders, violence against women, gender perspectives in health, socially determined studies such as equity in access to health and preventative health care are important Austrian concerns. Austria believes that the reports focuses on and addresses most of these important issues.

The report will be a useful tool in addressing women's health issues. This WHO report underlines the relevance of working in the area of women's health as well as the WHO's leading role in addressing major global health challenges.

Austria is looking forward to continue working with WHO and other organizations and partners for the improvement of the health of women. Still, many more steps have to be taken in order to reach the goals of gender equality in health.

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