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Media Statement

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UN praise President Sata and First Lady on safe motherhood, family planning

NEW YORK, Tuesday, September 17, 2013 – The United Nations has commended His Excellency, Mr Michael Chilufya Sata, President of the Republic of Zambia and the First Lady Dr Christine Kaseba-Sata for their commitment to promote safe motherhood and children’s welfare.

Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Planning in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dr Robert Orr, and UNFPA Deputy Executive Director for Programmes Ms Kate Gilmore praised the work that President Sata and Dr Kaseba-Sata were doing to ensure the wellbeing of women and children in Zambia.

Dr Orr said President Sata, Dr Kaseba-Sata and the Zambian Government leadership have been “extremely engaged” on issues of women and children.

“In the case of Zambia, the First Lady and the President have been heavily involved in providing leadership from the top on women and children’s issues,” said Dr Orr.

And Ms Gilmore commended the First Family and the Zambian Government for the community campaigns they were carrying out to expand the demand for family planning services and other initiatives aimed at improving the lives of women and children.

“The Zambian Government has even brought on board local chiefs, traditional leaders and community leaders to pledge themselves” to be involved in safe motherhood initiatives and “hold the Government accountable,” said Ms Gilmore.

Mr Orr and Ms Gilmore were speaking at the UN Headquarters in New York when they updated United Nations Members States on the Global Strategy for Women’s and children’s health.

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