On the occasion of the last G8 Heads of State meeting held in Canada on 25 - 26 June 2010, the G8 science academies presented the "Joint G8 science academies' statement on Health of Women and Children ", which calls for more active engagement of governments in efforts to achieve MDG Goals 4 and 5 to reduce maternal and child mortality.

The InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP) on global health issues is a network of national academies of medicine and academies of sciences or engineering having medical members committed to working together to improve health world-wide, especially in low income countries. IAMP activities focus on institutional collaboration to strengthen the role of all academies in alleviating the health burdens of the world's poorest people; build national scientific capacity in research and higher education to improve health; and provide independent scientific advice on health and science policy to national governments and global organizations.

The IAMP believes that the statement of the G8 academies of science deserves the widest possible dissemination and support and for that reason, we have submitted it to our 69 member academies for their consideration and possible endorsement. I am therefore very pleased to inform you that a majority of our member academies have endorsed the aims and objectives laid out in the statement, and, in so doing, wish to add their support to all efforts to rally governments to heed this call for intensified action to achieve global goals to reduce maternal, infant and child mortality.

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Member academies that have endorsed the statement

- Academia Nacional de Medicina de Buenos Aires
- Academy of Medical Sciences of Armenia
- Australian Academy of Science
- Bangladesh Academy of Sciences
- Academia Boliviana de Medicina
- Brazilian Academy of Sciences
- Cameroon Academy of Sciences
- Canadian Academy of Health Sciences
- Chinese Academy of Engineering
- Academia Nacional de Medicina de Colombia
- Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences
- Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
- Academy of Scientific Research and Technology
- The Delegation of the Finnish Academies of Science and Letters
- Académie Nationale de Médecine
- Académie des Sciences
- Union of German Academies of Sciences and Humanities
- Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina
- Academy of Athens
- Academia de Ciencias Medicas, Fisicas y Naturales de Guatemala
- Indonesian Academy of Sciences
- Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei
- The Academy of Sciences for the developing World (TWAS)
- Islamic World Academy of Sciences
- Science Council of Japan (SCJ)
- African Academy of Sciences
- Academy of Sciences Malaysia
- National Academy of Medicine of Mexico
- Nigerian Academy of Science
- National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines
- Polish Academy of Sciences
- Russian Academy of Medical Sciences
- Académie des Sciences et Techniques du Sénégal
- Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA)
- Academy of Science of South Africa
- National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka
- Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (RSAS)
- The Tanzania Academy of Sciences
- Turkish Academy of Sciences
- Uganda National Academy Sciences
- The Academy of Medical Sciences, UK
- Institute of Medicine, US NAS