

28th Triennial Congress

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The Prime Minister, Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP at 10 Downing Street addresses the Congress



On this, your 28th Triennial ICM Congress I would like to express my admiration for the service that midwives provide to the women and families of the world.

My wife, Sarah and I take a keen interest in Safe Motherhood initiatives and have witnessed first hand the amazing impact provided by midwifery and public health initiatives.

Your scientific programme delivers the highest standards on midwifery practice, education and research, and I am confident you will return to your countries and workplaces with an even greater passion for your practice.

I know you will be as saddened as Sarah and I that each year, half a million women still die during childbirth, but I leave you with my commitment that I will do all that I can to advance and reach the Millennium Development goals on Safer Childbirth and Motherhood.

By saving the lives of mothers we can protect and nurture those children who would otherwise be left too vulnerable to survive.

Thank you all for everything you do. Have a good congress and enjoy Glasgow.

Gordon Brown

Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP