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NBEC situates itself in the Reproductive Justice Movement. Our Movement, founded by 12 Black Women in the United States in 1994, asserts that All People have the Human Right to have children, not have children, parent their children in safe and sustainable communities.

This global crisis in Maternal health, Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking, Overturning of Roe, Police Violence, and Family Separation fueled by continued AntiBlack Racism can and must end.

In 2016, I had the honor of presenting in Geneva due to the follow up of this Forum admonishing the US for having the worst rates of Black Maternal death of any high income nation.

Unfortunately, this horrific and preventable reality has only gotten worse after the Fascist Presidency of Donald Trump and the Global Pandemic. In fact, the United States Center for Disease Control, found that Black mothers with a college degree were 5 times more likely to die within a year of childbirth than White mothers who have not completed high school. The personal is political. My 30 year old daughter is more likely to die within a year of childbirth than I was when I had her. This is unacceptable.

This Forum must build upon UNFPA's report after the Nairobi Summit highlighting the need for Reproductive Justice for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Wellbeing.

As a person who was labeled a Refugee and Internally displaced person after Hurricane Katrina despite being a Physician and appointee of the Mayor, I am clear, we all need a strong United Nations that reckons with its own founding 75 years ago during legal segregation.

Eugenics and Population Control as founding frameworks of the UN and USA as well as a belief in the hierarchy of human value based upon skin color is killing the planet and all of us along with it.

- This Forum must hold the entire UN System accountable for unlearning White Supremacy and the biological basis of race by training and holding all of its Staff and Strategies accountable to a framework of Health, Rights, and Justice