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Strong progress for women leads way in CIS effort to meet Millennium Development Goals

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Millennium Development Goals Report 2010

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