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International Planned Parenthood Federation Western Hemisphere Region Awards Medal of Honor to Peruvian Minister of Health

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On the 28th of September 2010, Dr. Oscar Ugarte Ubilluz, the Peruvian Minister of Health was awarded the Medal of Honor for Distinguished Individual Contribution to Sexual and Reproductive Health by the International Planned Parenthood Federation Western Hemisphere Region, (IPPF/WHR).

This medal honors political and social leaders who have taken decisive action in the defense and the recognition of sexual and reproductive health as a human right in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The annual ceremony, during which several awards were granted to IPPF Member Associations in the region, took place at the Lima Sheraton Hotel. IPPF Director General Gill Greer was in attendance along with IPPF President, Jackie Sharpe, Regional Director Carmen Barroso, and the Executive Directors of IPPF's Member Associations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Dr. Ugarte Ubilluz has spoken in favor of respecting the decisions that women and men make to plan their families. Additionally, he has defended incorporating emergency oral contraception into the range of family planning methods.

Furthermore, IPPF/WHR granted the Rosa Cisneros Memorial Award to notable Peruvian journalist, Augusto Alvarez Rodrich for his valuable and courageous promotion of reproductive health and defense of sexual and reproductive rights.

The International Planned Parenthood Federation is the largest voluntary organization in the world. IPPF currently leads the campaign: A Promise is a Promise: Universal Access to Reproductive Health which seeks to raise awareness around the United Nations Millennium Development Goal 5b. This goal of universal access to reproductive health refers to a full package of services including comprehensive sexuality education, access to contraception, maternity care, emergency obstetric care, and safe abortion services, as well as the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and programs that address violence against women and promote gender equality.

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