

Awaz Centre for Development Services, Pakistan  
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Madam Chairperson and distinguish delegates,

~~It is a great honor for providing me this opportunity.~~

AWAZ Centre for Development Services, Pakistan having special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council works for socio-economic development and empowerment of

knowledge and skills they need to protect themselves from abuse, exploitation and disease. They continue to bear the brunt of sexual and reproductive health burdens, which in turn makes them vulnerable to sexual violence/exploitation, child, early and forced marriages, unintended pregnancy, unsafe abortion and STI, maternal morbidity and mortality. These are formative years for young people

and the lack of necessary information and services translates into unhealthy behaviour and in turn

Therefore in this context, it is crucial that the sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights that are part of two goals (health and gender) in the Open Working Group outcome document must be retained and further strengthened by inclusion of sexual rights in the Post 2015 Development Framework.

We have developed the following recommendations to make this possible:

- Endorsement and implementation of life skill based education (LSBE) programs that provide accurate information on gender equality, human rights, relationships and sexual and

reproductive health and rights for both in and out-of-school youth

- Strengthening the legislation for women protection and empowerment, including laws against child, early and forced marriages, domestic violence and other harmful customary practices