



The obstacles to advancing SRHR are deeply rooted in political dynamics, social and cultural values, and mis- and dis-information. Rising global backlash against gender equality and SRHR threatens our ability to implement the Programme of Action and to achieve the 2030 Agenda. It endangers the lives, health, and rights of all women and girls. Access to

and other marginalized groups, are frequently the first to be overlooked and neglected during crises. As such, our responses must prioritize access to and protection of comprehensive SRHR. We must continue to work together, to build consensus, and to uplift a global community that is resilient and empowered through the Programme of Action.

As Canada's youth delegate, I urge you to not only celebrate the strides we've taken since 1994 but also to prepare for the substantial tasks that lie ahead. We must confront the stark realities and challenges, existing and emerging, if we are to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. It's a call to action that demands our commitment and collective effort to ensure that every individual, regardless of background or location, can thrive in a world of equity and opportunity.

Thank you. Merci.