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Today, we already heard a nu6744(t)-0.970f a lb

4) Promote, respect, fulfill & protect the human rights of women and girls, among others through finally achieving full gender equality

Another point we have already heard mentioned today, is the need to anchor the CPD outcome in the core human rights principles of universality and interdependence. Clear commitments should be made to guaranteeing the human rights of all people, particularly women and girls, including, among others, their right to equality and non-discrimination; their right to education; and their right to have control over and decide freely and responsibly on matters related to their sexuality, including sexual and

accountability must be emphasized in the CPD outcome, and should reference transparency, meaningful and effective participation by affected populations and civil society, as well as effective and independent institutions, complaint mechanisms and remedies for when rights have been violated.

Contrary to Nafis and Fred Sai, I was fairly new in the field of population and development when I participated in the ICPD conference in Cairo. Since then, I am very happy to see much has been achieved. However, we are now at a critical point in time – much depends on that we now take the necessary action to move into a new era in development in which the poorest and most marginalized have control over their well-being and share in the world's rich resources.