

**Intervention at the Special Session of General Assembly on the follow-up
to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population**

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We are now paying focus on ending child and early marriage, with a view to enduring all-round development of adolescent girls. Government is committed to enforce all laws against child marriage. The recent legal measure of two years' imprisonment of parents who force adolescent girls to marriage, should improve the

situation

Bangladesh continues to champion women empowerment in rural

Women's integration across all levels of planning is manifest to bring in gender equality in the country. Achieving gender parity in primary and secondary school enrolment shows increased awareness about girls' education.

Bangladesh is steadfast in securing productivity within the construct of population