

**Statement from 22 September 2014 by the Republic of Burundi to the twenty-ninth Special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+2014)**

**His Excellency the President of the twenty-ninth Special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations;**

**Distinguished Delegates;**

First of all, allow me to bring you the fraternal greetings of his Excellency Mr. Pierre NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi and to compliment you on your exceptional supervision of our assembly.

Burundi takes this opportunity to welcome the report of the Secretary-  
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the Programme of Action of the International Conference on  
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(Index) of the report on the forty-seventh session of the Commission  
on Population and Development.

states that the elimination of discrimination and human rights violations, the eradication of extreme poverty, and social inclusion are all central to the realization of dignity and human rights for all. Burundi will continue to promote and protect the right of young people to access high-quality education at all levels, including those who have left school, while ensuring the support of girls and boys, both at primary and secondary school and in higher levels of education.

programmes and the establishment of an innovative approach: social and community networking for health service provisions for the Sexual and Reproductive Health of

**With regard to population and development:** The Government has adopted a National Population Policy Declaration, and has taken population dynamics into account for the planning of national and local development, thus demonstrating with the RAPID model how and why the country should harness the demographic dividend for sustainable and inclusive development.

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Burundi acknowledges that the development challenges with which the international community is faced demand the systematic participation of all stakeholders in the elaboration of responses to these challenges, which require global partnership and leadership throughout the UN.

In the years to come, the tasks to be comprehensively carried out by Burundi include: the elaboration and strengthening of the adoption of appropriate laws, policies and national programmes which guarantee and protect human rights, dignity and equality with sector-wide inclusive and durable economic and social development as the goal; the harmonization of national laws with ratified international instruments, acceleration of the implementation of national, regional and international engagements in the field of gender equality.

15) Specifically: the acceleration of progress towards universal access to quality sexual and reproductive health services and towards obtaining sexual and reproductive health rights by ensuring complete information and education for adolescents and young people; the adoption and application of policies and strategies to reduce maternal, infant and neonatal mortality; increasing the contraceptive prevalence rate to at least 60% by 2025.

16) In this regard, the Government of Burundi is pleased to reiterate its support, expressed during the forty-seventh Session of the Commission on Population and Development, and remains fully engaged in the pursuit of the implementation of the future Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

The Government of Burundi asks that the conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary-General's Post-2015 Development Agenda.

My country is proud to join the international community and to reaffirm its support for the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, and for the innovative vision presented in the report of the Secretary-General.

**Thank you for your kind attention.**