Statement by President Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, to the Special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) beyond 2014

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Heads of State and Government; Mr. President of the General Assembly; Mr. Secretary-General; Ladies and Gentlemen;

Chad is honoured to be invited to this special session, the culmination of an exciting process conducted over many months at country, sub-regional and continental level. In this context, I would like express my country's gratitude to the United Nations Population Fund for its support in carrying out the various assessments of implementation of the Plan of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).

Twenty years ago, in Cairo, we undertook a solemn commitment to work to ensure universal access to reproductive healthcare for our population, defend fundamental human rights, alleviate the burden of poverty, guarantee gender equality, prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and protect the environment.

At this time of review, it is clear that, like most of the countries which

- (2) a decline in the incidence of income poverty by 8.3 percentage points between 2003 and 2011;
- (3) the implementation of environmental protection programmes;

As I mentioned earlier, it must be noted and recognized from the country level analysis that, in spite of our efforts, we have only partially met the

I would therefore like to formally express here the support of my country and of the Chad government for this new ICPD Framework of Actions beyond 2014, in the strong hope that these highly relevant concerns will also be reflected and integrated into the global Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Long live international cooperation,

Thank you for your kind attention.