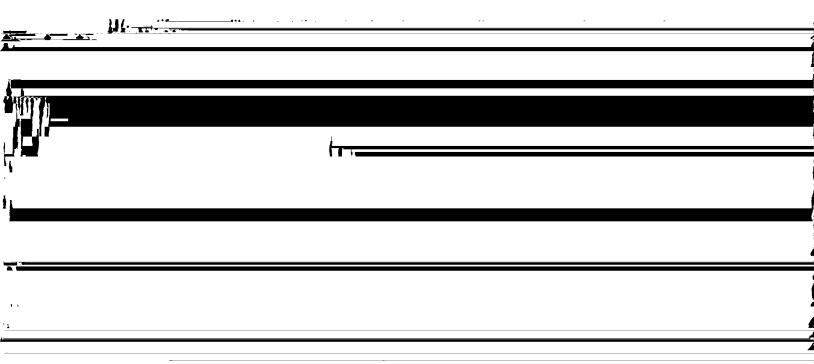


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STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE

AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President, The validity of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 20 years after its adoption proved to be unquestionable. World population growth has been essentially registered in developing countries. However, world wealth is even more concentrated in industrialized countries. The systemic and multidimensional crisis generated in developed countries is more critical in developing countries where there is greater poverty and the majority of Mr. President,



Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and to the Montevideo Consensus, which is a referent to attain the goals and targets adopted in Cairo.

Thank you very much.