





were turned more towards peacemaking. These efforts enabled the country to reach the completion point for the HIPC Initiative in July 2010, restore economic growth, at an estimated average of 8.1 per cent

reinforces rape as an offence, and criminalizes all other forms of violence against women and girls, while establishing an appropriate procedure for prosecuting perpetrators.

This is why, the Democratic Republic of the Congo asks that the Beyond 2015 framework is broadly participatory, and that it strengthens a universal commitment to human rights, a culture of applying accepted laws and international standards, combating injustice to achieve equality, and rejecting discrimination in all its forms, all while ensuring that everyone has the right to participate fully in society and decision-making.

Mr. President,

The Democratic Republic of the Congo fully agrees with the conclusions of the 'Framework of Actions for the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the ICPD Beyond 2014'. The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo is committed to continuing its efforts to implement this programme. In this respect, we would like to reiterate our support at the regional review of the implementation of ICPD Beyond 2014, while