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Mr. President, Mr. Secretary-General, Executive Director of UNFPA, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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health and rights as well as gender equality, to empower women and girls – in other words to put individuals and human rights at the center of sustainable development.

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My country, Finland, remains strongly committed to this work.

Mr. President,

In my capacity as the co-chair of the High Level Task Force for the ICPD, it has been a privilege

to be part of a global movement dedicated to advancing human rights, equality and social justice for all.

I commend all the Member States and women's, youth and other civil society organizations for

their dedication to uphold human rights and freedoms throughout this process.

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