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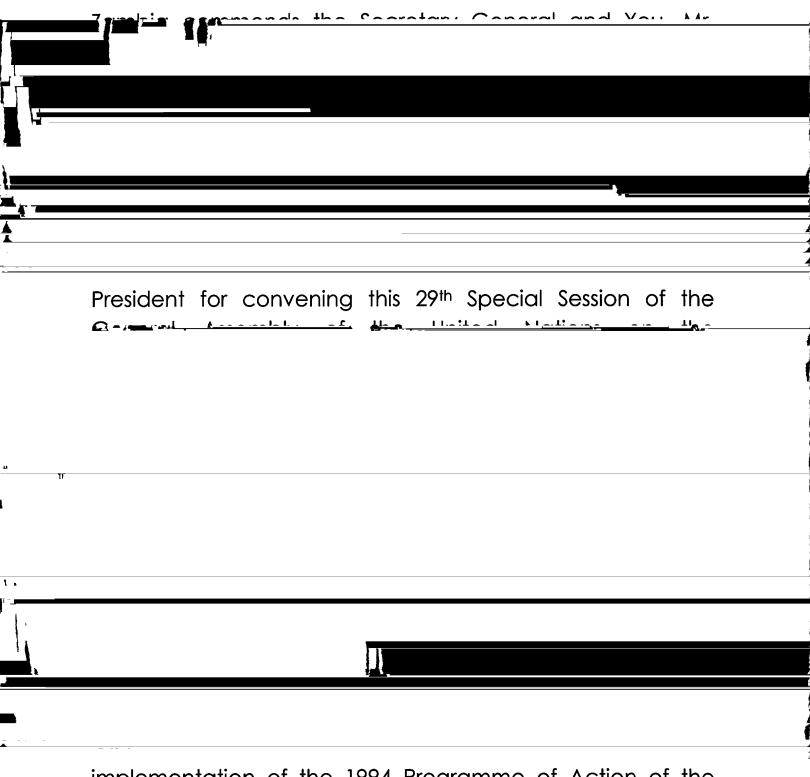
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implementation of the 1994 Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

Zambia wishes to note the Secretary-General's report A/69/62 "Framework of Actions for the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on

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Zambia has registered positive economic growth averaging 5.6 percent per annum over the past ten years. Progress is being made in reducing HIV prevalence, maternal and infant mortality, increasing women and youth empowerment and primary school enrolment. However, challenges still remain in providing universal access to sexual

and reproductive health information and services, high teenage pregnancies, reduction of poverty and economic inequality, among others.

As part of remedial measures to the observed challenges, Zambia has put in place various policies and programmes in (id)(ance the occanomic and recial status of women and

young people especially girls, through the Citizen Economic Empowerment fund and Youth Development fund.

The Government policies and strategies which include the National Population Policy, National Health Policy, National Gender Policy, National Youth Policy, Reproductive Health and the Re-Entry Policy for girls who become pregnant, have enhanced the women and girls social economic status, though much more remains to be done. Zambia has

The Government has further developed the National

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strategy is also intended to holistically harmonize data collection and monitoring and evaluation systems in the country.

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