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Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference
on Population and Development [13 (h)] reports of the Secretary-

Mr. President,

The Delegation of Brazil takes this opportunity to welcome and express our deep appreciation for the supporting documentation provided by the Secretary-General.

The Secretary-General has also provided a valuable contribution to the work of the Commission on Population and Development.

progress in implementing the ICPD Program of Action. We have significantly reduced poverty and improved access to and the quality of health and education services. Since the Cairo Conference, reproductive rights have been realized all over the world. And the outcome documents of the regional conferences have recognized that - from the perspective of population and development - evidence-based comprehensive sexuality education is one of the paths to progress.

With a view to assessing the results of and improving the policies
implemented in this area under the guidance of the Document of Action of

Brazilian municipalities have a very low Human Development Index, compared to 85% in the early 1990s

Brazil has also made progress on a legal framework that addresses the vulnerable segments of its society. In 2011, by decision of the Supreme Court of Justice, Brazil recognized and ensured equal rights for same sex unions.

Many challenges lie ahead. Maternal mortality levels and unwanted adolescent pregnancy need to decline more rapidly. Youth unemployment rates, as well as early school evasion need to be further reduced. The country faces persistent gender gaps and asymmetries at home, socially and in the labor market, including the private sector, as well as large and

resilient racial differentials in opportunities and outcomes. This is where

Future we Want", will bring the international community closer to cooperating effectively to overcome these critical hurdles. The set of 17 goals and 169 targets adopted by the Open Working Group on the SDGs provide an integrated platform for this new vision. They are a groundbreaking outcome we wish to preserve as the main basis for

interpreting the SDGs into the Post-2015 Development Agenda to be

adopted a year from now. We value the social and human rights dimensions of the set of goals and targets, and we will ensure that

If we are serious about population and development, and I believe we are, these are our main endeavors. In this spirit, allow me, Mr. President, to

reaffirm Brazil's full commitment to the ICPD Program of Action, to the

actions for its further implementation, and to the findings and recommendations of the Secretary-General.

Thank you.