



Annex 1: List of participants

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Mr. Chair

Thank you for this opportunity to deliver the statement that we had prepared for the

twenty ninth special session of the General Assembly on 22 September.

Ireland aligns itself with the statement delivered on that occasion by the European Union.

At the outset Ireland wishes to express our appreciation to the UN Secretary General, to UNFPA and to the other organisations involved in providing us with the relevant reports.

We appreciate in particular the substantial scale and the participatory nature of these exercises and consider that they provide a robust evidence base for our discussions, particularly in the context of the post-2015 development agenda.

Mr. Chair

Twenty years ago the ICPD established a global consensus that the recognition and fulfilment of human rights must be at the centre of any development agenda.

As we mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ICPD Programme of Action, it is clear that much progress has