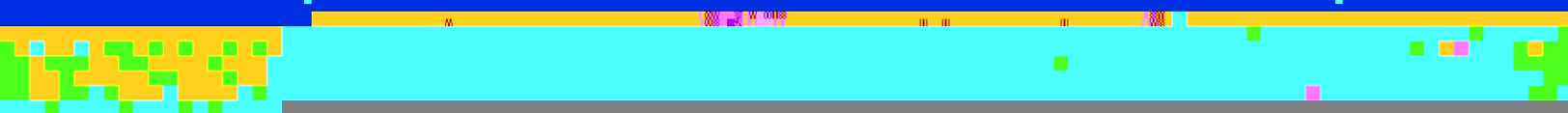


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Mr Chair -

New Zealand welcomes this special session to review progress towards implementing the ICPD agenda.

The *ICPD Review* acknowledges significant progress since 1994, but there is more to be done if the vision of the *Programme of Action* is to be realised, particularly for women, young people and marginalised groups.

The ICPD commitments are the critical foundation for a universally relevant sustainable development agenda.

Mr Chair -

Globally, women remain subject to violence and harmful practices that negatively affect their health and human rights.

In New Zealand, and in our Pacific neighbourhood, we face high rates of violence against women, and must ensure all survivors of violence have immediate and safe access to

critical services.

We must also focus, even more, on reducing violence, by involving men and boys in violence prevention initiatives.

Mr Chair -

220 million women worldwide still have unmet contraception needs.

All women should be entitled to accurate information and counselling on a range of affordable, accessible and high-quality contraceptive methods.

In New Zealand, new contraceptive technologies have resulted in significantly improved

Mr Chair -

New Zealand is also focused on assisting the Pacific region, to make progress under the ICPD.

This includes supporting key multilateral organisations that work in the region, such as UNFPA, IPPF and UNAIDS.

We endorse the findings of the *ICPD Beyond 2014 Review*, and believe the actions it

services, education and information.

For those reasons, Mr Chair, New Zealand remains firmly committed to working with