



**Statement by the Deputy Permanent Representative of Belarus
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on behalf of the Group of Friends of the Family**

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As we mark the anniversary of the ICPD, we cannot help but recall another anniversary that the international community is celebrating this year. We believe that realizing the goals and objectives of the International Year of the Family will contribute to the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Actions. Conversely, the successful realization of the outcome document of the Cairo Conference will lead to the overall well-being of the family and its members.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to highlight **the role of the family as a contributor to sustainable development** and emphasize the need