



Statement

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Mrs. Chair,

Allow me at the outset to congratulate you and the members of the Bureau on your election, and I wish you all success in running our deliberations.

Mrs. Chair,

Our Heads of State will meet at the UN Summit next September to adopt the Final Document and Declaration that will integrate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and targets into the Post-2015 Development Agenda, an agenda that will promote a sustainable future for our planet and for present and future generations. People will be at the centre of the agenda, as they were at the centre of the ICPD Programme of Action in 1994. Most of the Programme's priorities are addressed in one or more of the

86% of those refugees live today in local communities in regions which are home to 68% of the poorest Lebanese. Poverty in the country has risen by 61%, Lebanese unemployment levels have doubled, economic growth stumbled, and the national education, health, housing, energy, water and sanitation infrastructures are overstretched beyond their capacities.

The Secretary-General recognized the challenge of the mass displacement of refugees on sustainable develo