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**Statement Delivered on behalf of the World Health Organization**

Madam Chairperson and Distinguished Delegates,

It is my honour to present this statement on behalf of the World Health Organization.

The World Health Organization recognizes the crucial role of sexual and reproductive health on overall health of the populations and sustainable development, an-0.956417(o)-50956er5(H)0.622527(e)-5.07194(l)1.57872(c)-0.956417(o)-5.0719

Madam Chair, my Department, hosting the co-sponsored Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction, HRP, realizes the centrality of issues that the report highlights. HRP, as a global entity for research, research synthesis and capacity strengthening in sexual and reproductive health, responds to the needs of low and middle income settings. By identifying needs, testing interventions, and evaluating mechanisms for delivering evidence-based interventions through implementation research, HRP delivers much needed evidence base for supporting policies, programmes and delivery of health care for accelerated progress in universal access to reproductive health and advancing the ICPD agenda.

To achieve a transformational post-2015 development agenda envisaged by Member States requires a comprehensive approach and address inequalities and inequities between and within the countries. The pathway to realisation of this agenda is embodied in the shared realization of dignity and human rights for all people.

I thank you Chair.