

Statement of the Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations after the adoption of the resolution on the

“Assessment of the Status of Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development”

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Mr Chair,

The Netherlands is speaking on behalf of France, Germany, United Kingdom, Finland, Italy, Belgium, Romania, Luxembourg, Ireland, Bulgaria, Denmark and Sweden.

Our countries have been strong supporters of the full and effective implementation of the ICPD agenda. We have actively engaged in the Operational Review process in different ways and we believe that the key findings and recommendations of the ICPD Global Review report give clear guidance for the future implementation of the ICPD Beyond 2014.

We are glad that we have reached a consensual document during this important anniversary. Even though we all had to compromise on issues that are dear to us, we believe that we can move forward based on the discussions we had. We believe now is the time to ensure the promotion, respect, protection and fulfillment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, without discrimination on any grounds, including sexual and reproductive health and rights. We are looking forward to the Special Session on ICPD Beyond 2014.

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