

Statement of the Mission of Bangladesh 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. Chairman,

On behalf of the Nigerian delegation, let me express sincere appreciation to you, for your hard work and dedication towards the successful conclusion of this epoch making session. My delegation would also like to place on record, its recognition of the excellent leadership provided by Professor Babatunde Osotimehin, the Executive Director of the UNFPA.

Mr. Chairman,

Our engagement in the last five days is an indication of the commitment of Member States to the Principles of the Cairo Programme of Action. The Programme of Action (PoA), as we all know, recognized women's empowerment in all spheres of their lives as a means of protecting and promoting their health. It also recognized that reproductive health is a human rights issue. These principles have been stridently reaffirmed at this session. The PoA is a people centered and development focused document that addresses the critical challenges of poverty, inequality, maternal mortality, violence against women, human rights and migration. It's relevance in our collective efforts to make the world a better place cannot be over-emphasized. As we continue with the unfinished business of the ICPD, we must not loose sight of the importance of equality, quality and accountability.

Mr. Chairman,

Nigeria would however like to express, in strongest terms, its disappointment of the flagrant disregard for the Provisions of Resolution **65/234**, and in particular, its operative **Para 4** which states that, this session should be “undertaken on the basis of, and with full respect, for the Programme of Action and that there will be no renegotiation of the existing agrbe