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Honduras: Reservation

Mr. Chairman,

Please allow me to state the following reservation on behalf of my country.

The Government of the Republic of Honduras wishes to express that the family is the fundamental basis of all society, and therefore is committed to strengthening all actions leading to the achievement of higher levels of wellbeing, in harmony with the different sectors of society.

In that regard, Honduras understands the concepts related to sexual and reproductive health, reproductive rights, and family planning reflected in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, as long as they do not include abortion, or the interruption of pregnancy, as a method of family planning.

Life is a constitutional right in Honduras. as stated in article 65 of the constitution, "the right to life is sacred." Furthermore, article 67 states that the unborn child has the same rights in law as a child that is born.

Therefore, Honduras wishes to clearly state that our position in regard to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights referred to in this document, does not contemplate abortion. The latter is prohibited in our legislation. This position has been consistently reflected since the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo, 1994, in the Fourth World Conference on Women celebrated in Beijing, 1995; as well as in the sessions of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW), and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

We would highly appreciate that this declaration be included as part of the records of the present session. Thank you.

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