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Madame Chair:

As you and others have pointed out, there was rich discussion and much hard work done this week. This is a reflection of the consensus that exists around the world – as documented in the ICPD Program of Action, its key actions for the further implementation of the Program of Action, as well as previous resolutions adopted by consensus by this Commission.

Let there be no doubt that these consensus documents resonate the world's commitment to respect, protect, and promote the human rights of women, girls, and adolescents – as well as the world's strong support for sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. They also convey unequivocally the global commitment to ensure gender equality and women's and girl's empowerment.

Thank you, Madame Chair.