

## **Indlæg til Generaldebatten ved FN's befolkningskommissions 57. samling**

Thank you chair.

Excellencies, distinguished ministers.

I'm pleased to be here today and to have the privilege to address the Commission on Population and Development on this special occasion of celebrating the 30 year of ICPD programme of action. Today, the ICPD remains as relevant as it was 30 years ago. It is a common point of reference in all our work for gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The progress we have made calls for celebration. Today, women are represented in all functioning parliaments, as many girls as boys attend primary school, and the number of girls married before the age of 18 has declined by 6 percent in the last 25 years.

Yet, we must ask – what now, what about the next 30 years?

We must look to the next generation.

Denmark had the pleasure of co-hosting the UNFPA's ICPD30 Global Youth Dialogue in Benin earlier this month. We were encouraged by the young people, seeing the next generation at work. They are the future and we must listen to their call for action. We will take the recommendations of the outcome document serious. We will include the youth in discussions, address the need for adaptation to new realities and recognise the barriers intersecting discrimination is creating.

More than a strong outcome document, they showed us cooperation and understanding across political differences. Denmark believes we must strive to meet

colleagues with the same sincerity, to listen to those we do not agree with, because we also want them to listen to us. We must place trust in the process that worked in Benin and in Cairo 30 years ago.

Joined here by Denmark's two youth delegates, Abdul and Sofie, I'm happy to underline Denmark's continued commitment to put our trust in the hands of the young, especially on the important agenda of gender equality and SRHR. Which is why I'm happy to now pass the floor to Danish youth delegate, Abdul Harakow.