

**Statement: 47th Commission on Population and Development
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Chairperson and distinguished representatives, it's an honour to stand before you today and make this statement on behalf of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, which works to advance health and rights in 172 countries around the world.

To ensure that the hard-won gains of the ICPD Programme of Action are upheld and advanced, we call on Member States to: re-affirm their commitment to the Programme of Action, the subsequent resolutions of the Commission on Population and Development, agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women; the outcomes of the regional review conferences on population and development, and the recommendations of the Secretary General's Report on the Operational Review of ICPD.

We call for sexual and reproductive health and rights for all to be a target in the health goal, and included in a stand-alone gender goal in the Post-2015 development agenda.

These are our four key priorities:

- 1: Enable Adolescents - the largest ever generation of young people - to access sexual and reproductive health services and Comprehensive Sexuality Education.*
- 2: Provide access to contraception services, supplies, information and safe, legal abortion.*
- 3: Uphold universal access to sexual and reproductive rights, and recognize the right to live free from discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation.*
- 4: Support gender equity and the empowerment of women.* Because we know that gender equality - and equity - are prerequisites for development and for economic growth.

Lastly, we call on Member States to put in place accountability systems – we must be answerable for achieving these goals.

The Operational Review provided further evidence that sustainable and equitable development cannot be achieved *without prioritizing* sexual and reproductive health and rights, particularly for young people.

We urge Member States to ensure sexual and reproductive health and rights, *in their entirety*, are recognized by CPD 47 and are central to the Post-2015 development framework.

Thank you.