

**Statement of the Mission of Norway 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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Economic and Social Council**

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Mr Chair, Co-facilitators

We thank you all for the hard work and collaboration.

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the ICPD, we are happy that we finally reached a consensus on the resolution. We also welcome the ICPD beyond 2014 Global Review Report, that will give important input to our elaboration on the Post-2015 development agenda.

Good language has been reached, but we are not entirely satisfied with the balance of the text.

Let me just mention two issues of importance for my government:

We regret that again we were not able to include the term sexual rights in the text. Sexual rights is an issue close to our heart. We see it as central that every person have control over and decide freely on matters related to their sexuality.

We are also disappointed that we have not managed to agree on a text on sexual orientation and gender identity. It is a grave concern that discrimination and worse - violence - due to person's sexual orientation continue. This should not be tolerated in any society.

We promise to continue our work for a common understanding of the importance of these issue.

Thank you