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RE: UN ICPD Beyond 2014 Global Review Report

Dear Dr. Babatunde,

As members of the Civil Society Platform to Promote SRHR Beyond 2015, uniting 11 SRHR networks globally and comprising over 2,000 organizations, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the Report of Operational Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its Follow-up Beyond 2014, *Framework of Actions for the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014*.

In its overview of the progress, challenges, and emerging issues in relation to the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, the report is well documented, well analyzed, forward-looking and insightful in its recommendations. We strongly welcome it, especially its emphasis on a human rights-based framework, and hope to see the same important issues and recommendations reflected in a strong, substantive Resolution and negotiated Outcome Document from the upcoming session of the CPD, as well as in the subsequent Index report.

The 1994 ICPD Programme of Action was a groundbreaking achievement, both in its positioning of human rights at the centre of sustainable development, and the consensus attained by 179 governments to work towards and accelerate such development by 2015. As the report stipulates, notable progress has been made over the past twenty years, however such progress has been not universal, and severe inequalities persist. In addition, there are still key issues that need further implementation and recognition, in order to ensure that the needs and rights of all individuals are met. The report recognizes essential steps that need to be taken, by suggesting legal changes and removal of policy and social barriers that hinder the ability of women and men, including young people and adolescents, from exercising meaningful and informed decision making power over their own lives, including making their own sexual and reproductive choices. In this regard, it remains consistent with the rights-based framework established in the ICPD Programme of Action, while also outlining where we need to go from here in order to both realize and advance the commitments made twenty years ago.

We further strongly support UNFPA in its work to integrate the ICPD Review into the post-2015 development agenda. We believe sexual and reproductive health and rights must be a

fundamental part of the post-2015 development agenda. The integration of the above processes will help establish a sustainable and inclusive post-2015 development agenda, including forward-looking sustainable development goals, that works towards ensuring the rights and wellbeing of all.

With this letter we, the undersigned, offer our support and hope for a meaningful collaboration to achieve the bold and forward-thinking actions and common goals set out in the report in conjunction with the ICPD Programme of Action. We stand ready to work tirelessly for a successful outcome of the Commission on Population and Development and for its implementation in the years ahead through its full integration in the post-2015 development agenda.

*As endorsed by the following organizations:*

Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA; member Coordinating Committee Platform); Population Foundation of India  
Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)  
Central and Eastern European Women's Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASTRA)  
European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development (EuroNGOs)  
Family Care International (FCI; member Coordinating Committee Platform); Advocates for Youth, Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE); International Center for Research on Women; Ipas; Planned Parenthood Federation of America (USA)  
International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)  
Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (LACWHN)  
Reproductive Health and Advocacy Network Africa (RHANA)  
Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR)  
World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA)  
Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR)