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Madam Chair, Under Secretary ...

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development and poverty eradication, as it was demonstrated by the Global Review that was presented to the GA Special Session, and which provides the **framework for actions for the follow up to the Programme of Action beyond 2014 and the steps for its further implementation**, including through the post 2015 development agenda.

*Madam Chair,*

The EU and its Member States reiterate that **the empowerment and human rights of women and girls, and ending both discrimination in all its forms and violence against women and girls, must be at the core of the post-2015 agenda**. We remain committed to the promotion, protection and fulfilment of all human rights and to the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Programme of Action of the ICPD and the outcomes of their review conferences and, in this context, **sexual and reproductive health and rights**.

*Madam Chair,*

Population dynamics, including uneven population growth, ageing, urbanization and migration constitute, against the background of persisting inequalities, important developmental challenges and

opportunities for all three pillars of sustainable development

The emergence of age groups with critical needs has to be recognized, in particular youth and elderly people, which both pose different challenges and opportunities to different countries. The particular challenges of people with disabilities also need to be taken into account.

The EU is paying increasing attention to the links between migration and development and considers migration both a significant factor contributing to progress towards several MDGs and a key dimension