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Thank you Madam Chair.

... at the International Conference on

... (ICPD) the international community

affirmed that population and sustainable development are about

Madam Chair,

The UK's vision is a world where girls and women participate

actively in their societies and economies. We have therefore put girls and women at the heart of our international development efforts, empowering them to have voice, choice and control over their lives. Despite some progress, there is still too much stubborn

resistance to the simple notion that women and girls have the right

violence is essential for individuals, for their families in the various

and diverse forms they take, and to our societies more broadly.

We need to use all the evidence available to stop girls dropping out of school; to prevent their death or illness from too-early pregnancies; to reduce deaths from unsafe abortion; and to

implemented. We must take its lessons into the next 2015

development agenda.

I urge Member States here at the Commission on Population and Development to not just reiterate, reaffirm and recall the important