

Dear Representatives, esteemed delegates and colleagues from all over the world,

I am a youth advocate representing the African continent, and I am proud to be part of the

concerted efforts of ADOLESCENTS CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality, and the African Union, IDDS Africa

However, despite being such a large and diverse group, there is hardly any data on the situation of adolescents and youth globally, in particular for the age group of 10-14. We need to address harmful and traditional practices, and human rights violations of adolescents and youth.

Adolescents are exposed to a reality that is not reflected in their lives, and they need information on their sexual and reproductive health and rights, including on the basis of their age, HIV status, sexual