



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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Mr President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the EU and its Member States

The European Union and its Member States attach great importance to the empowerment and full involvement of young women and men, adolescent boys and girls in our societies. The EU and its Member States strongly reaffirm the World Programme of Action for Youth, which constitutes a comprehensive international strategy and guiding policy in the area of youth development, and calls for its continued implementation at the local, national, regional and international level.

agreements: "Youth in Action 2007-13" is the Programme the European Union set up for young people aiming at young people's active European citizenship and involvement in shaping the EU's future through three main activities: Youth Exchanges, Youth Initiatives and Youth Democracy Projects. The most recent agreement is the Renewed Framework of EU Cooperation in the Youth Field 2010-2018, which involves key policy areas that

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and it is only by involving and educating young women and men, girls and boys as well as adults about sexual health that we can successfully combat HIV and AIDS. The High-Level Meeting in June last year provided an important opportunity to reaffirm our political commitment and address these issues.

Most new HIV infections are spread through unsafe sex. There is therefore a need to