



Mr. Chairman

The Philippine delegation extends its warmest congratulations to you and the distinguished members of your Bureau on your well deserved election. Respected

consequences including their rejection by family, friends, and the community, including in some cases, by school authorities.

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Filipino adolescents and youth are also facing today the greatest threat against their

health that is the unprecedented increase in HIV/AIDS infections among young

people. Based on the Philippine HIV-AIDS Registry, there were already a total of 8,576 cases of HIV infections in the country as of January 2012. Since January 2011 up to January 2012, there were 197 new HIV infections on the average every month. In January 2012 alone, 212 new cases were diagnosed. HIV infection is most prevalent among males with ages 20 to 29 years.

These issues are also compounded by other significant concerns including their poor

- To create outlet for information and services on ASRH, adolescent-friendly, non-
P... centers and adolescent health quarters

- Creating and implementing mechanisms for the meaningful participation of adolescents and youth in the formulation of policies and programs especially in areas that affect their well-being and development.

Mr. Chairman,

We recognize that the country has still a long way to go to achieve the ICPD

~~target of 100% adolescent population and~~