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Commission on Population and Development

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Mr President,

My delegation welcomes this opportunity for a follow-up of the ICPD Programme of Action and Key Actions for Further Implementation. The ICPD Program of Action remains as relevant as ever – particularly in relation to young people.

Mr President, Sweden aligns itself with the statement made by the EU.

Imagine a world where the voices of young people count, Imagine a world where young people are

free to seek their identity and fulfill their potential, without fear of repression, exclusion or discrimination.

Young people – with their knowledge, experiences and engagement – contribute immensely to a peaceful, democratic and sustainable development.

But not all young people have the same possibilities. Therefore, we need to ensure the universal rights of all girls, boys, young women and men to participation, to quality education and to the highest attainable standard of health, including sexual and reproductive health and rights

The right to meaningful participation is important in its own right, and is also a prerequisite for the

will.

19, including unsafe abortions. We need to increase access to reproductive health services such as obstetric care, emergency contraception, safe abortions and post-abortion care.

Confidential and youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services, including access to modern

contraceptives are crucial to ensure that young people, particularly young women can enjoy their human rights as well as continue and finalize their education.

However, to effectively promote gender equality we cannot focus only on women and girls. It is also

of importance to ensure that men and boys have positive experiences and forms of