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with the influence of modernization, many boys and girls engage in sexual activities at an

early age;

- many young people do not have access to information about sexuality and methods of contraception;
- many girls, young women and boys are victims of sexual harassment or rape;
- many girls and young women get pregnant without having planned it;

some parents force girls to marry early, not because of tradition, but because they are

technically-competent, non-judgemental staff, who respect their clients' confidentiality and privacy. Youth-friendly services need to be specifically designed to attract young clients, meet their individual evolving needs and have to be affordable.

Mr. President,

Switzerland entered in a harmonized process to strengthen youth employment and is

on the verge of adopting it into law. Through its development cooperation, Switzerland is committed to contributing to the improvement of the situation of young people with limited prospects in life such as those affected by unemployment, disability, infection with HIV/AIDS