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# Foreword

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TWENTY YEARS AGO, THE LANDMARK INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT PUT PEOPLE'S RIGHTS AT THE HEART OF DEVELOPMENT. IT AFFIRMED SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT AND EMPHASIZED THAT EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS IS KEY TO ENSURING THE WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, NATIONS AND OUR WORLD.

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