

Declaration on Human Rights¹

The principles of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development affirm “that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”, and are entitled to all rights and freedoms as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, without distinction of any kind. These principles underscore the urgent need to eradicate all forms of discrimination and establish the link between dignity and human rights and individual well-being. Yet many people throughout the world, in particular children, adolescent girls, youth, women, older persons, indigenous people, ethnic and visible minorities, LGBTQI, people with disabilities, migrants, refugees and displaced persons, including hosting communities, among others continue to suffer from discrimination, a fact affirmed at the ICPD beyond 2014 regional review meetings.

We express concern that LGBTQI in particular suffer from risk of harassment and physical violence in parts of the world. The commitment to individual well-being cannot co-exist with tolerance of hate crimes or any other form of discrimination against any person, and we request that this issue will be taken up at the 7th IPCI.

We support calls on States and the international community to express grave concern at acts of violence, discrimination and hate crimes committed against individuals on the grounds of their sexual orientation and gender identity.

We note that the ICPD beyond 2014 regional review outcomes contain various commitments requiring States to protect the human rights of all

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individuals, including the right to gainful employment, residence, access to services and equality before the law.

We call on all States to guarantee equality before the law and non-discrimination for all people, by adopting laws and policies to protect the human rights of all individuals, without distinction of any kind, in the exercise of their social, cultural, economic, civil and political rights.

We also call on all States to promulgate, where absent, and enforce laws to prevent and punish any kind of violence or hate crimes, and to take active steps to protect all persons from discrimination, stigma, and violence, without distinction of any kind.