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H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of **Kenya**

H.E. Mr Csaba Körösi, Permanent Representative of **Hungary**

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Dear H.E. Ambassador Kamau, H.E. Ambassador Körösi,

We are writing to you regarding the co-chairs summary on the *Health and Population Dynamics* discussions which took place during the 4th Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. The Women's Major Group is very concerned regarding the fact that **sexual and reproductive health and rights** are not reflected in the report, despite the many calls from the great majority of member states and civil society for its inclusion.

Nearly 50 countries called for specific attention to **sexual and reproductive health and rights** in their statements. In a joint statement delivered by Uruguay on behalf of 24 States, governments called for universal access to quality, affordable sexual and reproductive health information, education and services, with priority attention to women, adolescents and youth, and communities living in poverty; universal access to comprehensive sexuality education for all young people; and the development of enabling environments for the exercise of human rights, including **sexual and reproductive health and rights** by all, without discrimination, coercion or violence on any grounds. The overwhelming majority of governments also called for the fulfilment of women's and girls' economic rights, including their right to decent work and social protection, and their right quality education across the life course.

We urge you to honour this broad consensus in your report by reflecting the calls for **universal access to comprehensive, integrated and quality sexual and reproductive health services, comprehensive sexuality education, and the fulfilment of sexual and reproductive rights and women's and girls' economic rights**. Failing to do so could seem a purposeful misrepresentation of these discussions, which, having observed your highly able chairmanship, seems entirely unlikely.

With our respectful regards,

On behalf of the Women's Major Group organising partners and its 440 member organisations



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