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Joint-statement by BFLA, IPPF and RFSU**

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Thank you, Mr. President. This statement is delivered on behalf of BFLA, IPPF and RFSU.

We celebrate Belize's commitment to increasing access to quality sexual and reproductive health education and ensuring continued education for teenage girls who find themselves pregnant. We applaud its pledge to allocate the necessary financial resources, to review and update existing curriculum and develop and implement the legal framework necessary for its execution, as these are all important and critical actions needed for the fulfilment of these commitments.

We commend Belize's demonstration of willingness to reform its health care delivery system to ensure the removal of barriers preventing women, girls and the LGBTI access to non-discrimatory, rights-based, integrated, quality sexual and reproductive health services including HIV/AIDS prevention services.

We are pleased with Belize's commitment to secure the human rights of LGBTI persons and demonstration of willingness to create environments, including legal environments, which promote and protect the human rights and dignity of these individuals. Recognizing the importance of capacity building of those charged with up-holding and protecting the rights of LGBTI is commendable.

BFLA and its partners stand ready to support and partner with the Government to ensure that these recommendations will be implemented and the human rights of all uphold.

Thank you