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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

INVITATION: Countdown 2015 – Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All – Status, challenges and recommendations for the implementation of the ICPD goals

The tenth anniversary of the UN Conference on Population and Development (ICPD, Cairo 1994) has been used to take stock of the implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action and the achievements towards the goal of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All in 2015.

In 2005 the Danish Government will embark on a new strategy for the Danish efforts in the field of population and sexual and reproductive health. Together with the Danish Family Planning Association (“Sex & Samfund”) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is pleased to invite you to the above-mentioned conference to be held on

Monday 14 March 2005
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Eigtveds Pakhus
9:00-17:00 hrs.

The Minister for Integration and Minister for Development Cooperation, Mr. Bertel Haarder, will open the conference. The Director General of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Dr. Steven Sinding, will participate together with Presidential Adviser on Population and Health Issues (Ghana), Professor Fred Sai, and World Bank Adviser for Population and Reproductive Health Human Development Network, Elizabeth Lule, as well as other eminent stakeholders.

In the afternoon there will be 4 thematic workshops focusing on:

- HIV/AIDS;
- Reproductive rights and gender equality;
- Maternal mortality, abortion and contraceptives;
- Youth.

Recommendations from the conference will feed into the new strategy for the Danish efforts in the field of population and sexual and reproductive health.

We are inviting the Danish development NGOs and Networks, International Organisations, other Development Agencies, Research Networks, Young Peoples' Organisations and politicians.

Registration (including name, organisation and position as well as which of the 4 workshops you wish to participate in) should be forwarded not later than 14 February 2005 to: jesdau@um.dk. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Voetmann via e-mail: anmvoc@um.dk, or by telephone: + 45 33 92 10 51.

A site for the conference on the Ministry's homepage will be launched, where you can find conference and background documents. We will inform you about the link, once the page has been established.

Yours sincerely,

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