

PERMANENT MISSION OF MEXICO TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Intervention of the Mexican Delegation during the debate on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development Beyond 2014

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Good afternoon. Mr President.

Delegates:

It is an honour to be here with you and to be part of the Mexican Delegation.

Since the start of the administration of President Enrique Peña Nieto, we have reaffirmed our commitment to the eight major goals established in this Programme.

This has represented a substantial change in access to social rights, citizenship, inclusion and empowerment for millions of Mexicans.

As the deadline of 2015 approaches, Mexico has worked hard and has promoted far-reaching changes designed to ensure its success.

In little more than thirteen years, our country has achieved improvements in 94 per cent of the indicators on the official list of the United Nations.

For the remaining indicators, there is a high chance of these being met by 2015.

However, despite these successes, it is essential that Mexico continue to reduce poverty and maintain the positive trend in the reduction of inequalities.

Our response in this regard consists of the structural reforms implemented during the first 21 months of the current federal administration, designed to accelerate economic growth and to enable us to create an inclusive Mexico, with a new social policy.

A social policy that involves major changes, including the national crusade against hunger and the recent announcement of the creation of the new PROSPERA National Coordination Office, the Social Inclusion Programme that is the keystone of our strategy to combat poverty in Mexico.

In education, we have achieved our goal of delivering universal primary education. The challenge now is to build on this coverage by improving quality.

With respect to the goals of empowering women and substantially improving maternal health, there has been progress, but challenges remain, as we have achieved 68 per cent of the target.

With regard to the environment, we have achieved our goals with respect to the supply of drinking water and sanitation in advance of our deadline, and the deforestation rate is improving.

The Government of Mexico reaffirms its absolute commitment to continuing to play a major role in this international effort.

We will continue to be active participants in defining the Post-2015 Development Agenda, promoting broad consensus and endorsing the commitments assumed by Mexico as a responsible actor on the global stage.

Thank you very much.