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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Co-chairs of the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and seizes this opportunity to appreciate the diligent role they played in leading the discussions and negotiations of the SDGs OWG, and in ensuring that the views of member states are appropriately reflected.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations in New York would like to make the following reservations on the final document of the SDGs OWG:

- Regarding "Sexual and reproductive health care services", the State of Qatar reiterates the reservations set forth in the ICPD, and recalls the sovereign right of countries to implement recommendations and policies in a manner consistent with their national legislation and development priorities, and in total respect of their cultural and ethical values, and religious backgrounds, and in line with internationally recognized human rights.
- Furthermore, the State of Qatar would like to affirm that reference to "Gender" in the text strictly means "Male" or "Female", and that reference to "Family" in the text refers to the union founded on the marriage of one man and one woman, as the natural and fundamental group unit which comprises the household and is the basic building block of society.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations kindly requests that this Note Verbale be included in the Report and Official Records of the SDGs OWG.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Co-chairs of the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) the assurances of its highest consideration.



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