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STATEMENT

by the delegate of the Republic of Belarus

I would like to make a short statement on behalf of the states that are members of Group of friends of the family¹. The Group believes that the declaration of the UN summit should highlight the important linkage of the family to sustainable development both at the national level and globally. Let me read out the proposal for the declaration's language the Group suggests, and we will send it to you in writing.

"We are convinced that the sustainability of communities and societies largely rests on the strength of the family as a basic unit of society and the natural environment for the growth and well-being of all its members, particularly children. We recognize the vital role of the family in attaining the internationally agreed development goals and confirm our commitment to enhance the contribution of the families in the efforts to achieve sustainable development goals by promoting family-oriented policies and prioritising the needs and priorities of the family at the national and international levels".

¹ Bangladesh, Belarus, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Yemen, Uganda and Zimbabwe