



Statement by the Government of Chile

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Adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights: advancing the agenda for a sustainable future

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Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Dear friends,

Chile stands firm in its commitment to advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) as an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We must build upon the progress achieved, ensuring that adolescent sexual and reproductive health remains central to our efforts for an equitable and sustainable future. Chile pledges to take broad yet critical steps in this endeavor.

- We will enhance partnerships across sectors, engaging civil society, youth and international organizations to advance SRHR policies that reflect the voices and needs of young people
- We commit to ensuring that no adolescent is left behind. We will work to reach the marginalized and underserved communities, ensuring equitable access to SRHR services, particularly those most at risk to be excluded.

This year, Chile implemented its National Policy for Children and Adolescents 2024-2026, a guiding framework for the State's public actions aimed at promoting, defending and guaranteeing the rights of children and adolescents for the next thirteen years. This was the result of a participatory formulation process with children and adolescents at the center of the process, academia, civil society and institutions, in each one of its stages.

Within the framework of this policy, Chile has made a commitment to:

- Implement a formative strategy for the comprehensive sexual and effective education of children and adolescents.

In addition, and with the purpose of promoting a life free of violence against children and adolescents (whether as victims or witnesses) in all its forms of expression and in all environments in which children and adolescents develop (including gender-based, intimate partner, sexual, emotional and psychological violence).

Our feminist foreign policy places the rights and dignity of women and girls at the forefront of our diplomatic efforts, ensuring that sexual and reproductive health is not seen as an isolated issue but as a fundamental pillar of social justice and equity. This policy framework has deepened our national and international commitment to the principle of equality, inclusion, and human rights, particularly in the realm of SRHR.

We stand ready to work alongside all of you in this collective mission to build a future where gender equality is the norm, and where sexual and reproductive health and rights are respected, protected and fulfilled for all.