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FOREWORD

Twenty years after the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo in 1994, the United Nations prepares to report on achievements and setbacks in the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (PoA), drawing on the results from the ICPD Beyond 2014 review process. UNECE and UNFPA conducted the review in the UNECE region, which resulted in this report and the encouraging outcome of the ICPD Beyond 2014 High-level Regional Conference held in Geneva on 1–2 July 2013.

The report examines the implementation of the provisions of the ICPD PoA across the region, based on survey results from 45 UNECE Member States complemented by relevant existing studies and data provided in country implementation profiles. The report finds a wide variety of policies, programmes and strategies adopted by countries in response to the ICPD PoA. These strategic documents go beyond traditional population policies to include social and welfare programmes and address vulnerable groups such as adolescents and youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, migrants and women. The analysis shows that many of the issues highlighted in the ICPD PoA persist today, though with somewhat different characteristics, reflecting the dynamics of change in society and individual needs. New issues have emerged — for instance, due to new family forms — and they need relevant policy action.

The economic, social and cultural diversity of the UNECE region, in particular with respect to its western and eastern parts, is also reflected in the approaches to policymaking related to the PoA: they vary from individual-centred policies prevalent in the former to macro-level population-centred policies in the latter. Regional disparities require strong international partnership based on solidarity and cooperation.

Enabling choices, increasing human capital, raising citizens' awareness, and effective communication with non-governmental and community organizations are seen as the main factors in achieving sustained equitable and rights-based development.

The regional report endorsed by the UNECE Member States and supported by civil society representatives at the ICPD Beyond 2014 Regional Conference in Geneva provides a valuable input into the discussion of the post-2015 development agenda with its emphasis on individual human rights and dignity related to population and development.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ART	Assisted reproduction technology
CA	Central Asia
CIP	Country implementation profile
CSO	Civil society organization
EC	European Commission
EEC	Eastern Europe and Caucasus
EU	European Union
EU13	New EU Member States
EU15	Old EU Member States
FGM/C	Female genital mutilation/cutting
GA	General Assembly
GBV	Gender-based violence
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HIV/AIDS	Human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
HPV	Human Papilloma Virus
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IIASA	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
NGO	Non-governmental organization
Non-EU	Non-EU countries with advanced economies
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PMTCT	Prevention of mother-to-child transmission
PoA	Programme of Action
SEE	South-Eastern Europe
SRH	Sexual and reproductive health
SRHR	Sexual and reproductive health and rights
SRR	Sexual and reproductive rights
STI	Sexually transmitted infection
TFR	Total fertility rate
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WHO	World Health Organization