

## Sample précis-writing exercise: original statement

### Instructions

Summarize the statement below. The text is based on an original statement, but heavily adapted for demonstration purposes. The speaker is a man.

Structure your summary in paragraphs (the statement is presented with each new sentence on a new line).

Your summary should be between 300 and 350 words long and should include all the main points.

Do not change the order in which ideas are presented in the original.

Start your summary with Indirect or reported speech (see [Appendix V](#), Editorial Manual).

Madame Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

It has been 21 years since the World Summit for Social Development was held in Copenhagen and the adoption of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action.

But poverty eradication still remains a global and major challenge for the international community. Social exclusion continues to be a challenge in many parts of the world, by virtue of growing inequalities and decent-work deficits.

This is an important year for social development.

Twenty-one days ago, the United Nations celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development and the International Day of Refugees.

We are also celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development which provides us an opportunity to recommit ourselves to implement its provisions for achieving a just and equitable world.

Last year, the member states adopted the historic 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement, the Addis Ababa Agenda.

The momentum, for progress in those areas, must be matched by progress in achieving the objectives of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action on Social Development.

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Our people-centric model with its seven elements; poverty eradication, education, skill development, elimination of discrimination and extremism, inclusion, participation and employment generation is guiding the government to realize its vision for a poverty-free prosperous country.

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It has sustained a GDP growth rate of 6+ percent in recent years and touched the landmark growth rate of 7 percent in 2015-16 that has played a positive role in eradicating poverty.

The robust growth has been accompanied by corresponding improvement in several social indicators such as increase in the life expectancy (which is 70.4 years in recent years) and lower fertility rate (2.3 in 2014), despite having one of the world's highest population densities.

The population living below poverty line is 12.9 per cent in 2015-16 which was 56.7 per cent in 1991.

Significant progress has been made increasing equitable access in education. The net enrolment ratio in the primary school is 97.7 per cent.

In addition,