

Madam Chair

On behalf of the CARICOM group allow me to thank you, your team, the secretariat and the facilitators for the hard work in leading us towards an outcome document for this historic session of the CPD. We are convinced that a document that focused on this important matter for our region would have been ideal.

For this reason, CARICOM engaged in the consultations in good faith and worked towards consensus including through efforts to find creative solutions for divergent views.

CARICOM would have been able to go along with your most recent compromise proposals.

We therefore regret that all our joint efforts were fruitless. We can only hope that the work was not in vain but that each of us will take away a renewed commitment to make a greater effort in future to reach out for consensus and to achieve our shared objective for the effective implementation of the ICPD PoA.

Thank you.