Satisfactory summary

All of the speaker’s main points are included, while minor details are omitted. The summary is written in reported speech and is within the word limit. Note that you do not need to change every word; it may be appropriate to use the speaker’s original words and phrases.

The speaker said that the adoption of landmark agreements over the past year should inspire progress towards achieving the objectives of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action. Eradicating poverty by empowering people had long been a priority of the speaker’s Government. To that end, its development model emphasized education, skills development, elimination of discrimination and extremism, inclusion, participation and employment generation.

The country’s robust growth rate had led to a steep decline in the population living below the poverty line as well as increased life expectancy. Nearly everyone had access to safe drinking water. Net primary school enrolment stood at 97.7 per cent; gender parity in primary and secondary enrolment had already been achieved; and, despite resource constraints, special attention was being focused on the education of children with disabilities.

North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation remained crucial to realizing the internationally agreed development goals and promoting the Copenhagen Programme of Action. However, a stronger, more coherent and more integrated approach to development was also needed, including with regard to commitments on official development assistance and under the global partnership for development.

The speaker welcomed the initiatives launched since the proclamation of the International Year of the Family in 1994 and the strengthening of national family-centred policies and programmes to mark its twentieth anniversary.

The speaker stressed the importance of enforcing labour laws relating to migrant workers’ remuneration, conditions of health, safety at work and right to freedom of association.

In conclusion, the speaker called for greater efforts to implement the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action within the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a stronger role for the Commission for Social Development in following up the social dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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