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Panel discussion on the intensification of efforts to empower women and girls in and through sport
Statement by the International Planned Parenthood Federation

Excellencies,

My name is Lukiane and I am a proud trans woman from Georgia. I deliver this statement on behalf of Trans Advocacy Week.

All women and girls deserve the right to participate in sport free from abuse, violence, and discrimination, while ensuring respect for their health, safety, and dignity.

Yet many women and girls continue to face barriers to equal participation. Sexual abuse, discrimination, and exclusion in sport are not isolated incidents but reflect systemic failures that undermine safety and inclusion.

Sport has increasingly become a battleground for attacks on bodily autonomy, particularly targeting trans, gender-diverse, and intersex people.

The recent decision by the IOC to introduce mandatory and invasive "sex testing" for women athletes raises serious human rights concerns. These measures violate bodily autonomy. Athletes who have been disproportionately targeted to undergo "sex testing" and consequently forbidden to compete often come from the Global South and are women of color. The decision also results in an outright ban on all transgender athletes, which is a violation of human rights, and must be called out in this hall here today.

We call for inclusive and human rights-based approaches that foreground the positive role that sports play in society and ensure that all women and girls, including trans, gender-diverse, and intersex people, can participate safely, fairly, and with dignity.

Thank you.