

Remarks delivered by the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the UN

CPD54: Brainstorming meeting on the future role and organization of the Commission

Allow me to start by thanking the Chair for convening today's meeting on this important topic, and the Secretariat for a comprehensive overview.

Turkey highly values the work of the UN, including that of the Commission on Population and Development in the implementation of the ICPD.

Improving the status of women and achieving gender equality remains an integral element of the 2030 Agenda. We therefore commend and support the strengthening of the work of the CPD in the implementation of policies on population dynamics and sexual and reproductive health, including that of refugees and migrants, building on the previous work already put into this process.

I would like to briefly touch on Turkey's views in regard to the questions circulated in the Secretariat note. On the first question, Turkey is of the view that the technical mandate of the Commission should be further enhanced to provide policy level guidance, including in the thematic reports relating to the theme of the Session. Also, we believe that the outcomes of the Commission should be better integrated into related General Assembly and ECOSOC processes, especially in Voluntary National Reviews and regional mechanisms. We should also seek ways to improve the partnership between CPD and relevant funds and programmes.

As for question two, Turkey believes that the Commission should be further supportive of the design, implementation and monitoring of the population policies, including by providing enhanced access to high-quality data, best practises and lessons learned.

And finally, on question three, we believe that we should consider introducing changes in the methods of work without turning to lengthy discussions such as "review processes". We also believe that the consensus-based nature of decision-making should be maintained to the extend possible. However, we should not exclude the option for voting. We can also consider the introduction of "an emerging theme" on issues pertaining to the ICPD, which could provide a platform to assess the progress in the implementation of relevant documents and enable sharing of best practises. This would help improve the efficiency of the Commission.

Turkey looks forward to work with all partners to improve the role and organization of the Commission to help implement the ICPD and the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you.