

Statement of the Holy See in Explanation of Position
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Health, Morbidity, Mortality and Development

Mr. Chairman,

The Holy See takes this opportunity to thank you and the bureau for your work during this session and thanks the facilitator for their hard work on this resolution.

As evidenced by its presence throughout the world and its long history of providing health care in some of the most needy areas, the Holy See remains committed to providing and improving global health, particularly for those without access to even basic health care.

In explanation of position on the resolution “health, morbidity, mortality and development” the Holy See reiterates its reservations made at the International Conference on Population and Development and in other international conferences, on the concept of, “sexual and reproductive health” and “reproductive rights.” My delegations understands that nothing in this document creates any new rights and, in particular, that nothing in this document creates or recognizes a right to abortion and cannot be interpreted to constitute support, endorsement or promotion of abortion as part of reproductive health.

Thank you Mr Chairman