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Explanation of Position of Hungary on the adoption of the Resolution of the 45th session of the Commission on Population and Development New York, 27 April 2012

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to take the floor in explanation of position with regard to the resolution that has just been adopted by this Commission.

Hungary remains committed to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the ICPD, and stands ready to participate constructively and actively in discussions and actions leading to the achievement of the ICPD goals.

I take this opportunity to state that the Constitution of Hungary recognizes the protection of foetal life from the moment of conception. In this regard, we welcome the reaffirmation of the principle that in no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning. In addition, we welcome that the resolution urges governments to reduce the recourse to abortion through expanded and improved family-planning services. As part of these services, we want to underline the importance of education, counselling and the promotion of adoption as an alternative to abortion.

My delegation would like to request that this statement be reflected in the official records of this meeting.

Thank you for your attention.