

**Statement of the Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations
after the adoption of the resolution on
“New trends in migration: demographic aspects”**

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of the United Nations Economic and Social Council**

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Mr. Chairman,

The Russian Federation is committed to strengthening international cooperation in the implementation of the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

We welcome the adoption by consensus of the resolution of the 46th session of the Commission on Population and Development entitled “New trends in migration: demographic aspects”.

At the same time, we have to note that the compromise text, submitted by the Chair and adopted by the Commission, does not fully address all our concerns. In this regard we would like to emphasize the sovereign right of all states to implement the recommendations contained in this resolution in accordance with their national migration and demographic policies and with full respect for the various national, religious, ethical and cultural values.

Thank you.