

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

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Mr. Chairman, first of all, let me extend my delegation's sincere appreciation for the way you have guided our work and for the tireless work of your bureau colleagues as well. The United States welcomes the document we have just adopted which we believe captures the excellent spirit of our negotiations this week and reflects a good balance among the issues discussed.

We believe that this document, as the Chair indicated it would, captures the diverse perspectives of all the Member states.

My government welcomes, in particular, the document's recognition that migrants make significant contributions to their countries of destination as well as their countries of origin. We all benefit from the many and varied skills and knowledge they bring.

Women and girls make up about half of international migration, and we all agree that we must help them thrive and make sure that their human rights are protected.

We especially welcome the recognition throughout the document of the central importance of sexual and reproductive health services and the protection of reproductive rights, especially for migrant women and girls who need these services no matter where they live.

Generating and using data about migration is important for planning and policy development, implementation and monitoring. This document highlights a wide range of issues demonstrating the dynamic relationship between migration and development that will inform both the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in October and the post-2015 development agenda.

Finally, my government welcomes language contained in the document, which provides a balanced recognition that all countries, while diverse in their strengths and constraints, have a duty to protect all human rights, consistent with national laws and in conformity with human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.