

**Statement by H.E. Mrs. Ana Trišić-Babić,
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at
the 47th Session of the Commission on Population and
Development**

Your Excellences,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honoured to attend and address this very important forum on population and development.

Bosnia and Herzegovina aligned with the statement of the European Union delivered yesterday. Now, I wish to deliver additional remarks and present our national position regarding this important topic.

At the outset, I wish to congratulate you Mr. Chair on the election, and to wish you and the members of the Bureau success in the process.

I would like to thank the Secretary-General for his three reports to this important session of the Commission on Population and Development. As the session devoted to the assessment of the status of the implementation of the implementation of the Programme of Action, we consider the 47th session of the CPD as a critical opportunity to advance our efforts to improve the lives of our people, with equity and dignity; and ensure sustained economic growth and sustainable development.

In this connection, we wish to thank the UN System, which under UNFPA, worked closely with Member States through the global survey design process and the regional reviews to produce the

report titled, “Framework of Actions for the follow-up to the ICPD beyond 2014”.

Mr. Chair,

Bosnia and Herzegovina strongly supports the work of the 47th session of the Commission on Population and Development and the special Session of the 69th General Assembly, as well as its decisions and outcomes.

I am taking this opportunity to underline that Bosnia and Herzegovina remains committed to the promotion, protection and fulfillment of all human rights and to the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, and in the context of the Programme for Action of the International Conference on Population and Development – sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The framework of actions is consistent with General Assembly Resolution 65/234. That resolution called for an operational review of the implementation of the Programme of Action on the basis of the highest-quality data and analysis of the state of population and development that takes into account the need for a systematic, comprehensive and integrated approach to population and development issues; that responds to new challenges relevant to population and development; to the changing development environment; and that reinforces the integration of the population and development agenda in global processes related to development.

We appreciate the fact that UNFPA, as the lead agency for the review, arranged a number of consultations to keep Member States informed of the process and to receive guidance.

We acknowledge that a lot of work has gone into producing a review report that is consistent with GA Resolution 65/234 on the follow up to the implementation of the Programme of Action beyond 2014.

We take this opportunity to welcome the report and note that the report addresses in a comprehensive manner ways to enhance individual capabilities and resilience and ensure sustainable development. We share the conclusion that investing in individual human rights, capabilities and dignity-across the multiple sectors of the ICPD and throughout the life-course-is the foundation of sustainable development.

We are pleased to see that human rights and equality define the analytical approach to the report. The focus on the increasing wealth and income inequalities; unfulfilled gender equality and empowerment of women; the need for lifelong learning and building human capabilities especially for young people; addressing the inequalities in universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, including through strengthening health systems both in rural and urban areas, have significant implications for development policy.

Similarly, the increasingly diverse household structures and living arrangements require us to plan and build sustainable cities and strengthen urban-rural linkages.

The impact of population dynamics on the micro and macro levels also require the integration of population dynamics into development planning at national, regional and international level.

We agree that development challenges we face require systematic participation of all stakeholders in crafting responses to these challenges which require partnership and global leadership through UN.

My country notes in this regard the importance of the ICPD Programme of Action for the achievement of national development priorities and we can confirm from the global survey that was done in our country the considerable progress that has been made.

We know from national data and from the findings of the review that all countries, including in many cases with the support of the international community, need to do more to build individual capability and resilience in order to ensure the well-being of all their people and achieve sustainable development.

In this regard, we are pleased to reiterate our support expressed in the context of the regional review of the implementation of the ICPD beyond 2014 where we joined the adoption of the regional plan of action for the further implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action.

We see the review as facilitating further and more effective implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, not as a replacement of the Programme of Action, which we reaffirm, wholeheartedly.

We welcome the draft resolutions presented by the Chairman of the Commission.

We expect that the outcome would recognize the results of all the regional review outcomes and the findings and recommendations

of the ICPD beyond 2014 review and that these will be taken into account in the further implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action. We also believe that the outcome must recognize the linkage between the outcomes of the review and the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

Mr Chairperson,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Thank you for your kind attention.